Auntie in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 2.7 in (12.2 × 6.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

13 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, color 4
   Laurel stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5
   Laurel leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Gingham hem, scallop edge, saucer, cup handle, cup foot, cup, cup inside, tea, spots, cup rim, pour, lettering, heart, handle, spout, spout lip, pot foot, teapot, lid, lid band, knob



4. **Outline stitch**, 1 strand, color 13
   Ripple

5. **Split stitch**, colors 3, 6
   2 strands: outlines
   3 strands: steam

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 6
   Berries



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



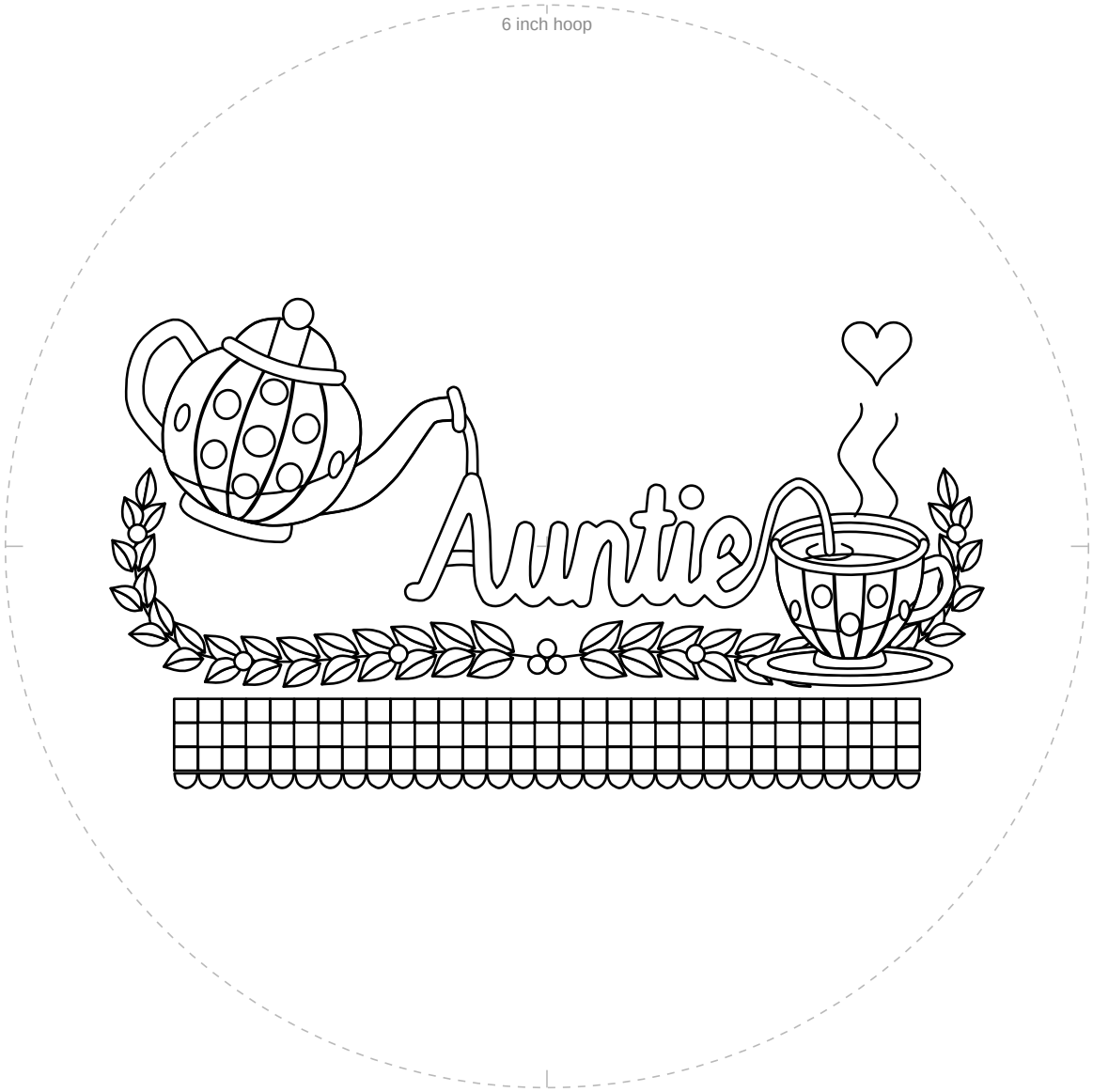
1	DMC 349 Dark Coral	**6**	DMC 816 Garnet	**11**	DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown
2	DMC 3708 Light Melon	**7**	DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise	**12**	DMC 3821 Straw
3	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	**8**	DMC 350 Medium Coral	**13**	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany
4	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green	**9**	DMC 351 Coral		
5	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	**10**	DMC 3826 Golden Brown		

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



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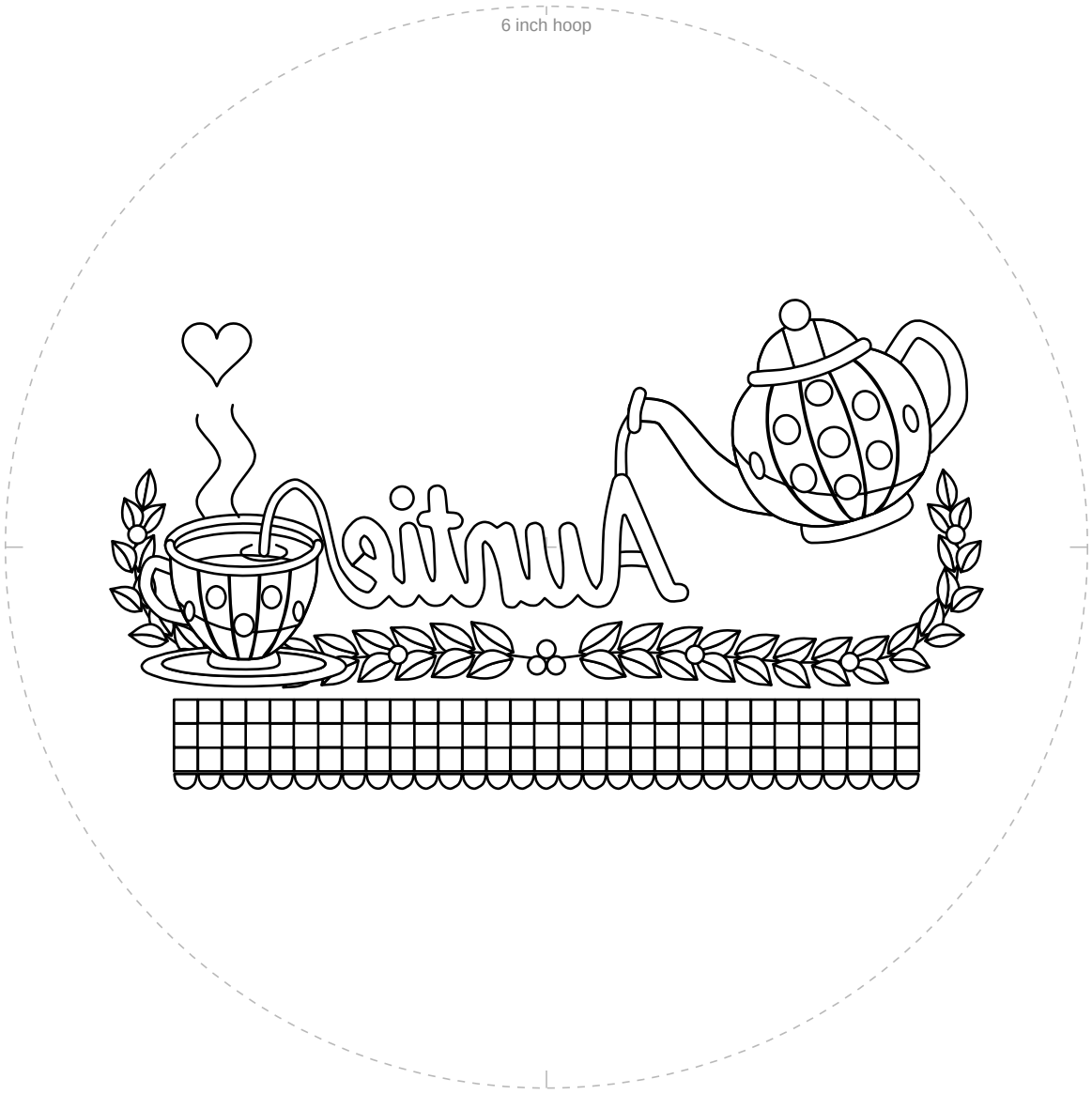
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