Banana tree at sunrise

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 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.

18 colors of floss (page 2): 3 skeins of DMC 3743; one of each other 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.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: sunrise sky, cloud bars, misty hills, near slope
   1 strand: sun, shaded leaves, young leaf, sunlit leaves, leaf stalks, green bananas, plum flower, lifted bract



2. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Trunk

3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf ribs, fruit stalk, ferns



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Banana edges, banana outlines, bract edges

5. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Tiny flowers



6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Sheath edges, fern stems, hoop edge

7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Banana tips



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	7	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet	13	DMC 907 Light Parrot Green
2	DMC 3824 Light Apricot	8	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	14	DMC 502 Blue Green
3	DMC 352 Light Coral	9	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	15	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
4	DMC 3825 Pale Pumpkin	10	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	16	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
5	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	11	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	17	DMC 3819 Light Moss Green
6	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	12	DMC 906 Medium Parrot Green	18	DMC 3834 Dark Grape

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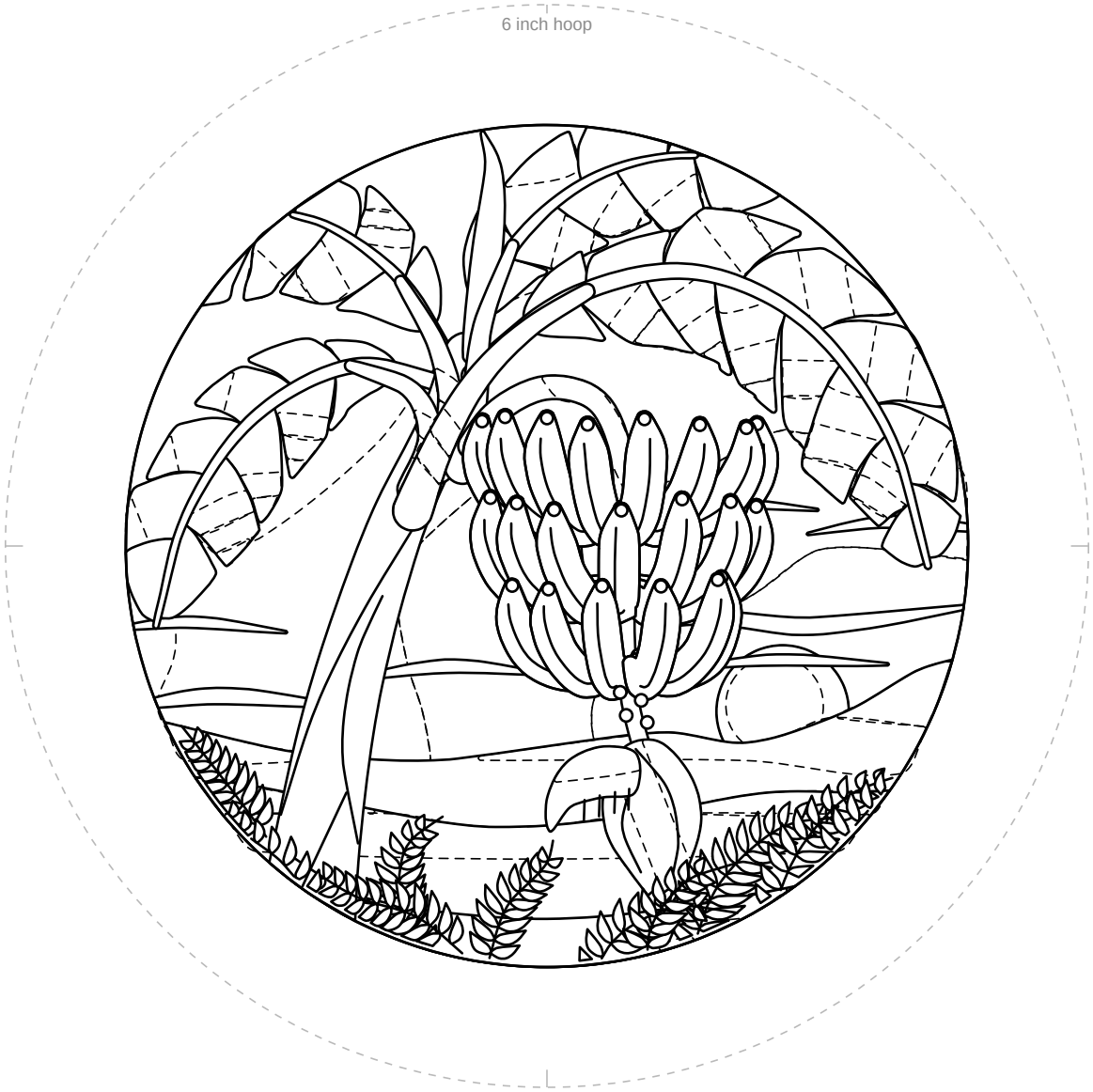
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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