Beaded blue orchid on black cloth

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.7 × 4.2 in (9.4 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Floss

- **DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Stem, bud caps and bud stems
- **DMC 797 Royal Blue**
  Buds (dark), front petals and back petals (darkest)
- **DMC 826 Medium Blue**
  Back petals, front petals and buds (light), back petals edge (middle) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 825 Dark Blue**
  Back petals, front petals, front petals edge and back petals edge (dark), buds (middle)
- **DMC 162 Ultra Very Light Blue**
  Turned rims (lighter), front petals (lightest) and 5 more parts
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Petal beads, stem beads, throat beads, lip ridges and bud beads
- **DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender**
  Lip

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
  Bud stems
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Stem, buds, bud caps, turned rims, lip, column
- **Split stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Bud lights, back petals, back petals edge, front petals, front petals edge, lip ridges
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Bud beads, stem beads, petal beads, throat beads
- **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Lip

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.
3. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

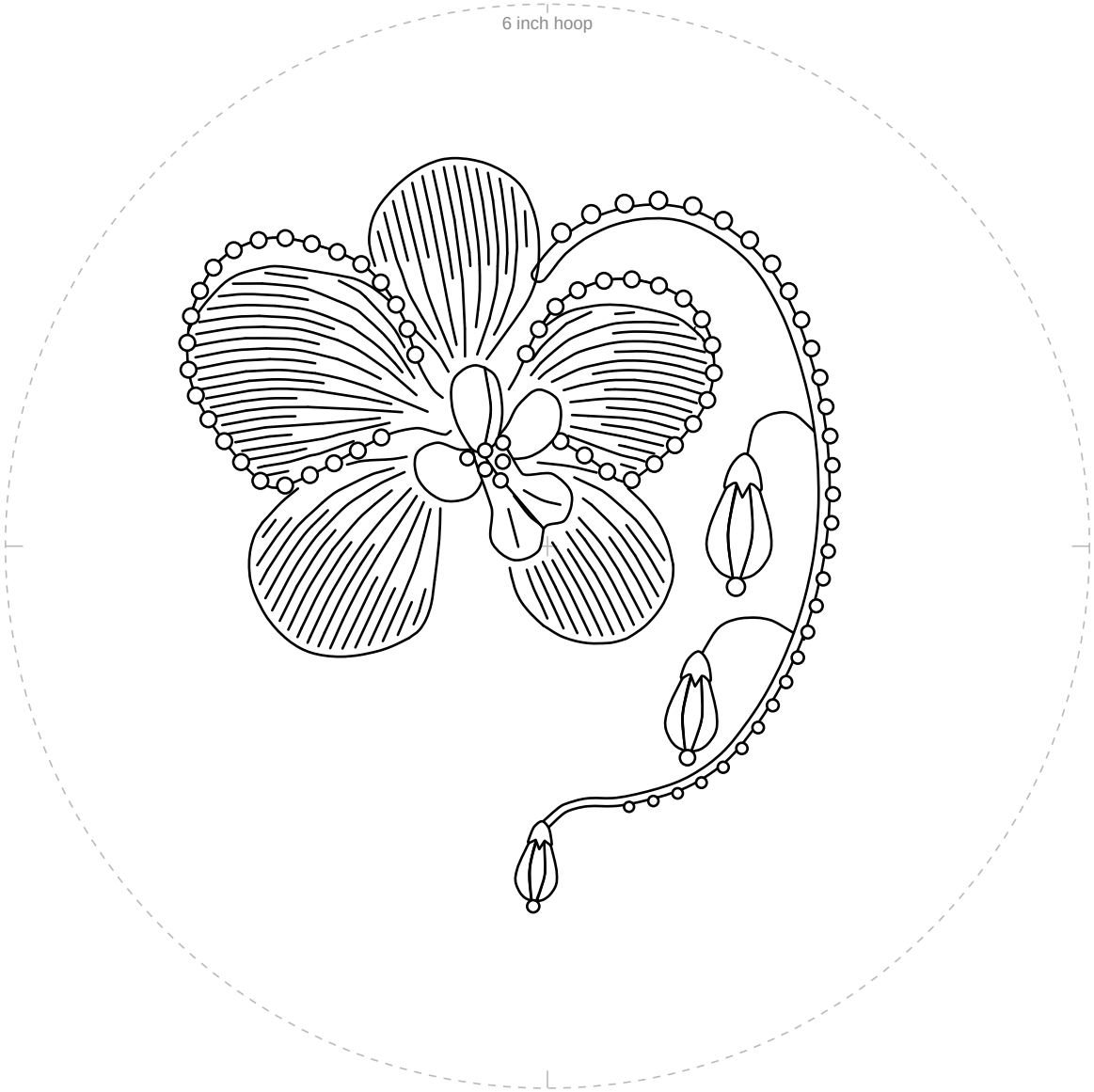
The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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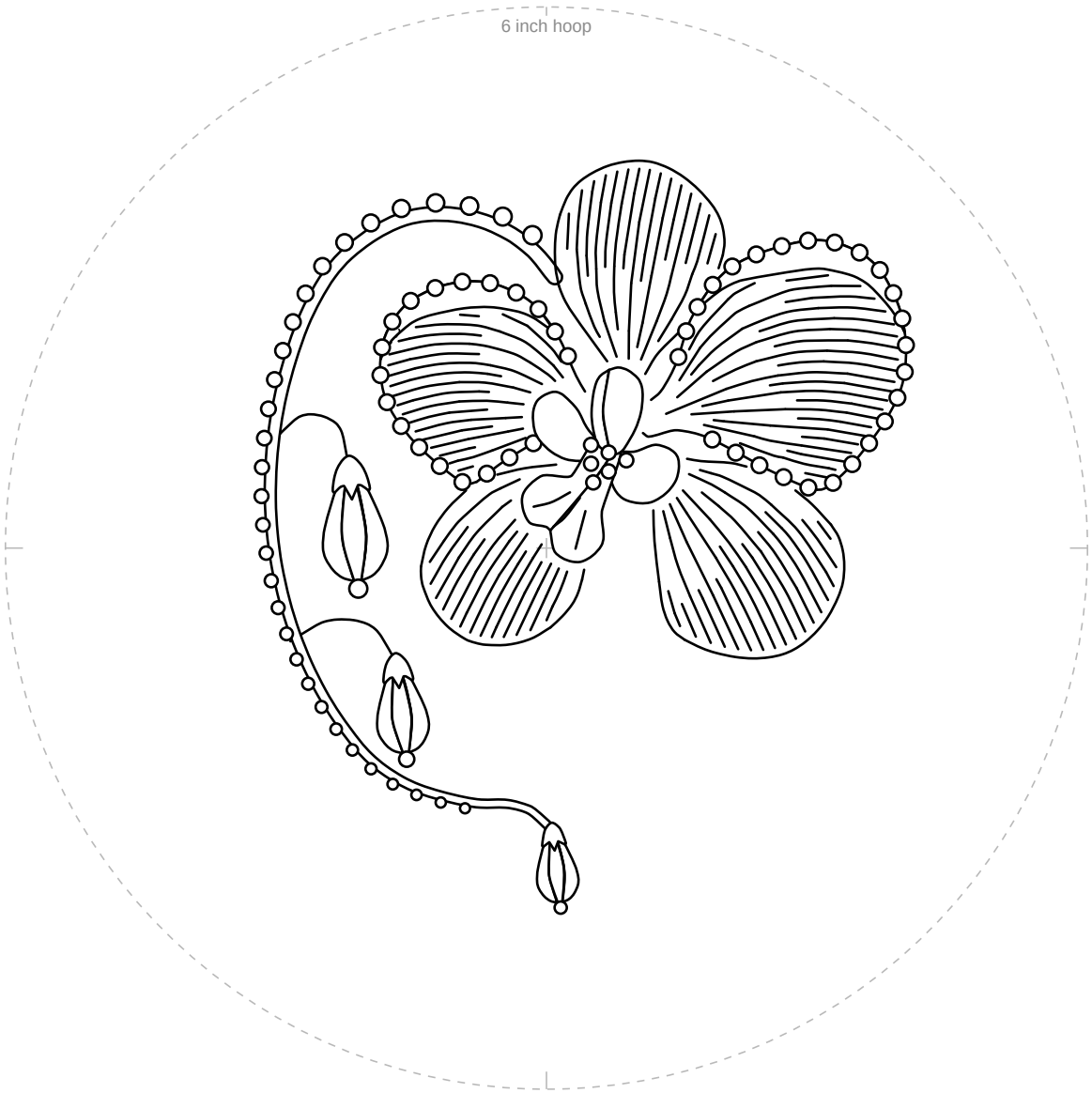
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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