# Beginner ginkgo leaves

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 3.9 in (10.2 × 9.9 cm).



Which color goes where.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

## Floss

- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Veins and stalks (darker), leaf shade sides
- **DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Veins (lighter), leaf rims
- **DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Small leaf, stalks (lighter)

## Stitch in this order

1. **Split stitch**
   5 or 6 strands: stalks
   5 strands: leaf shade sides, leaf rims
   2 or 4 strands: small leaf
   2 strands: veins



## How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

## Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 2 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 2 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 2 is the pattern at actual size (page 3 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

## What you need

Beginner. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in navy. Embroidery needle: size 7 for 2 or 3 strands, size 3 for 4 to 6 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.



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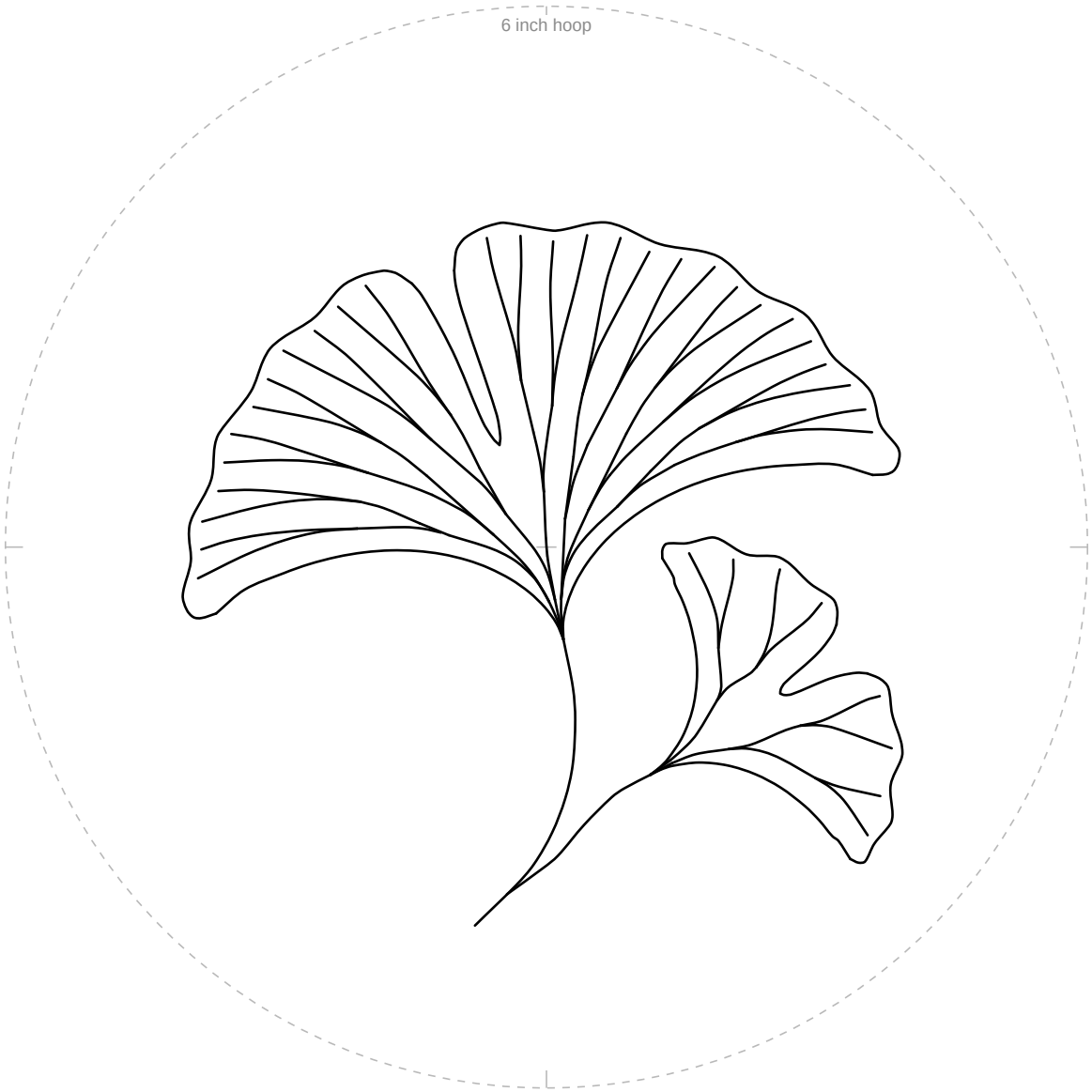
**6 inch hoop**

Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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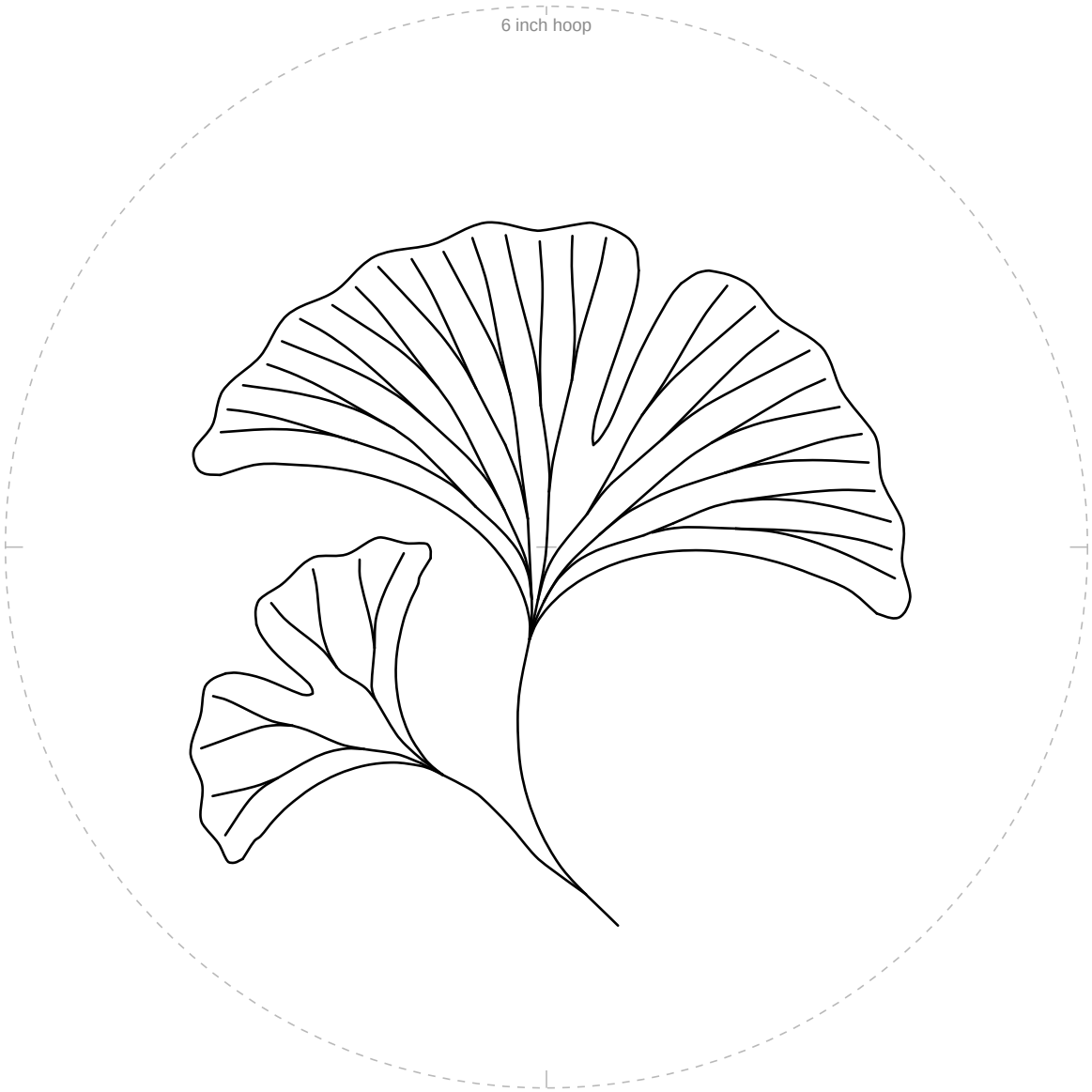
**6 inch hoop**

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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