Bird and bonsai, tufted chenille look

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.4 in (11.2 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Feet
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Dish feet, dish, dish rim, tail, breast, back, head, wing, bill
3. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Branches, trunk (colors 1, 2 and 3)
4. **Whipped back stitch**, 2 strands
   Trunk (colors 1 and 3)
5. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Wing feathers
6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Moss, eye
7. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Foliage pads

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

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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

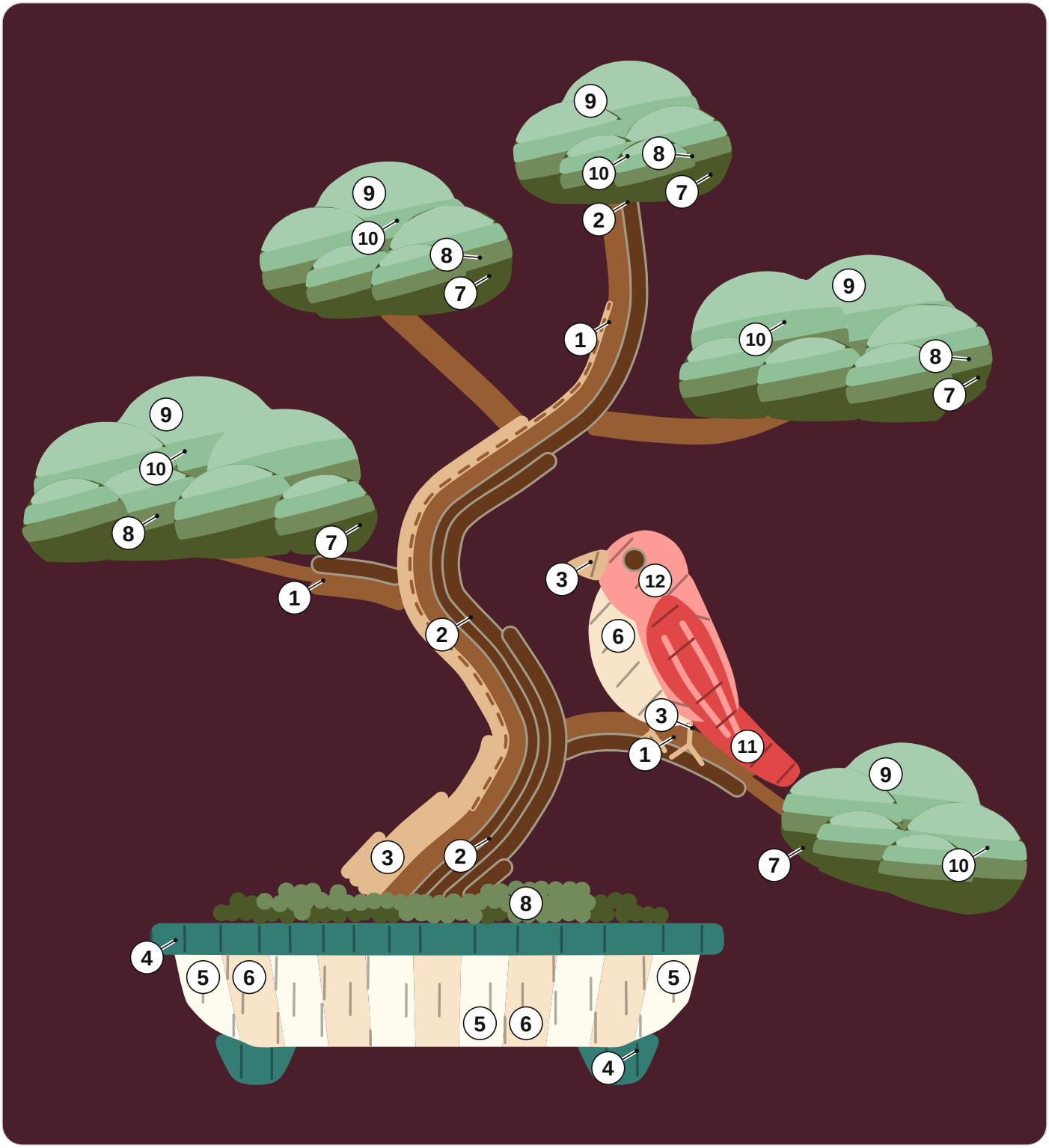
Buy: 12 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 434 Light Brown	**5**	DMC 712 Cream	**9**	DMC 564 Very Light Jade
2	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**6**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	**10**	DMC 563 Light Jade
3	DMC 437 Light Tan	**7**	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	**11**	DMC 350 Medium Coral
4	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	**8**	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	**12**	DMC 352 Light Coral

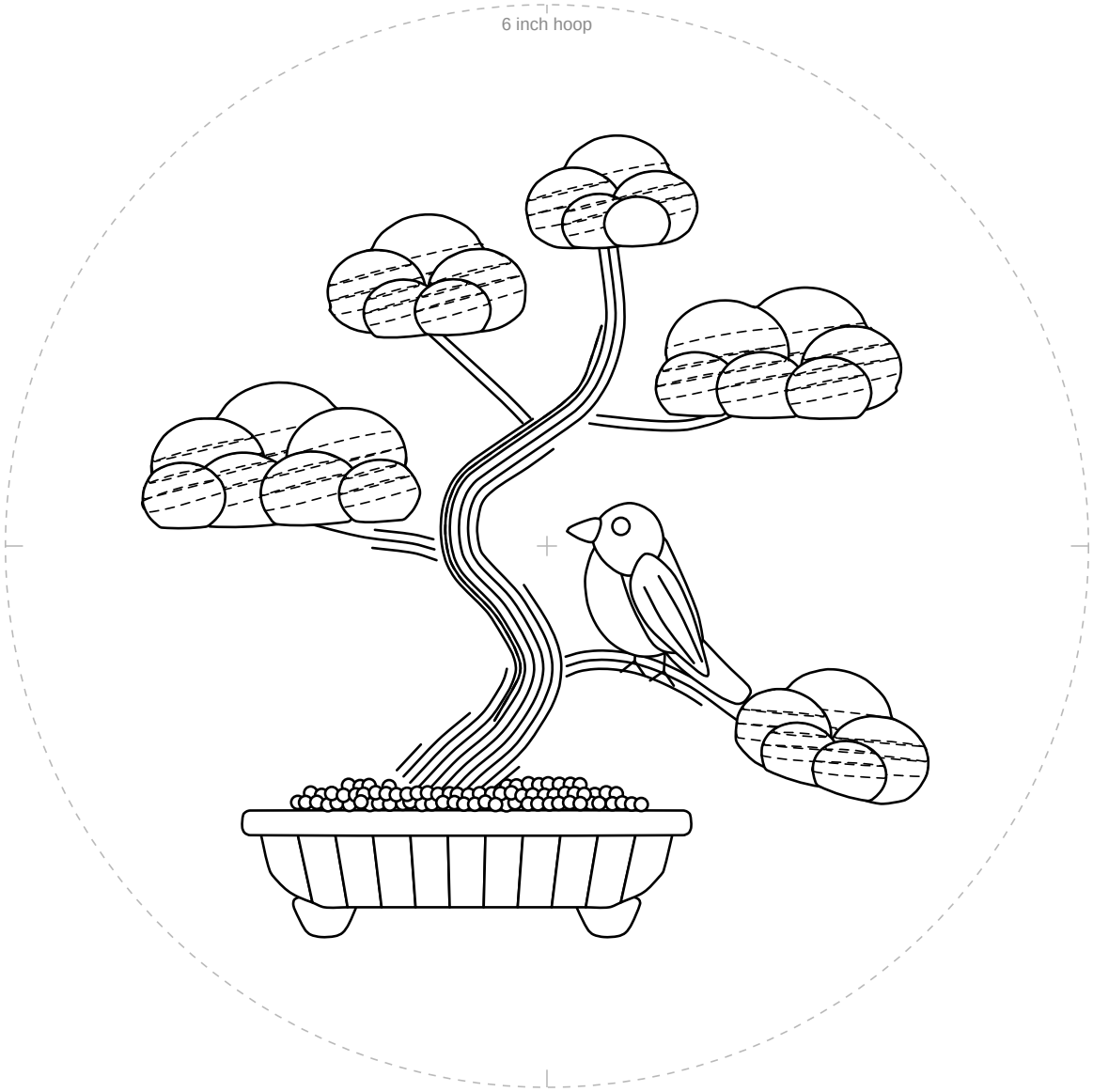
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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