Bloom

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.1 in (11.7 × 10.4 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.

16 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.

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. **Stem stitch**, color 1
   2 strands: stems, fern stems
   3 strands: ground line

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4
   Leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16
   1 strand: coral flower, tulip, coral bud, pink flower, pink flower heart petals, tight bud (color 8)
   2 strands: letters



4. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13
   Little buds, sepals, flower centers, eucalyptus leaves, fern leaves, daisy petals, gold bud, tight bud (color 5), open flower



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 6, 7, 16
   Petal edges, letter edges

6. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 8, 13
   1 strand: lines of the stamens, edges of the open flower
   2 strands: edges of the sepals



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 3, 8, 10, 12, 13
   Berries, knots of the flower centers, blue spires, knots of the stamens, gold balls



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

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.

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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 3346 Hunter Green	**7**	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	**13**	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw
2	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**8**	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	**14**	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink
3	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	**9**	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	**15**	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
4	DMC 522 Fern Green	**10**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**16**	DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green
5	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	**11**	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green		
6	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta	**12**	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue		

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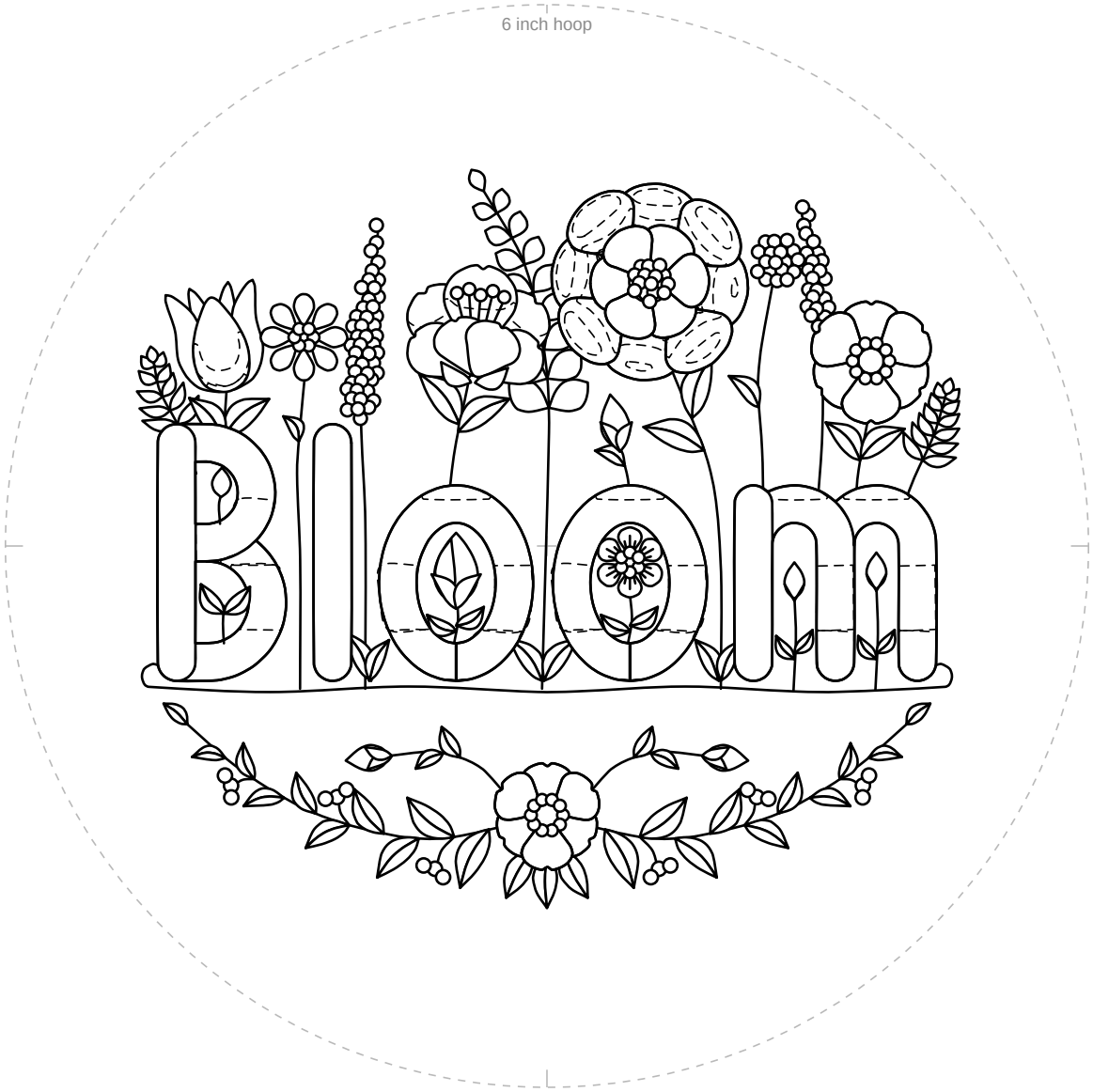
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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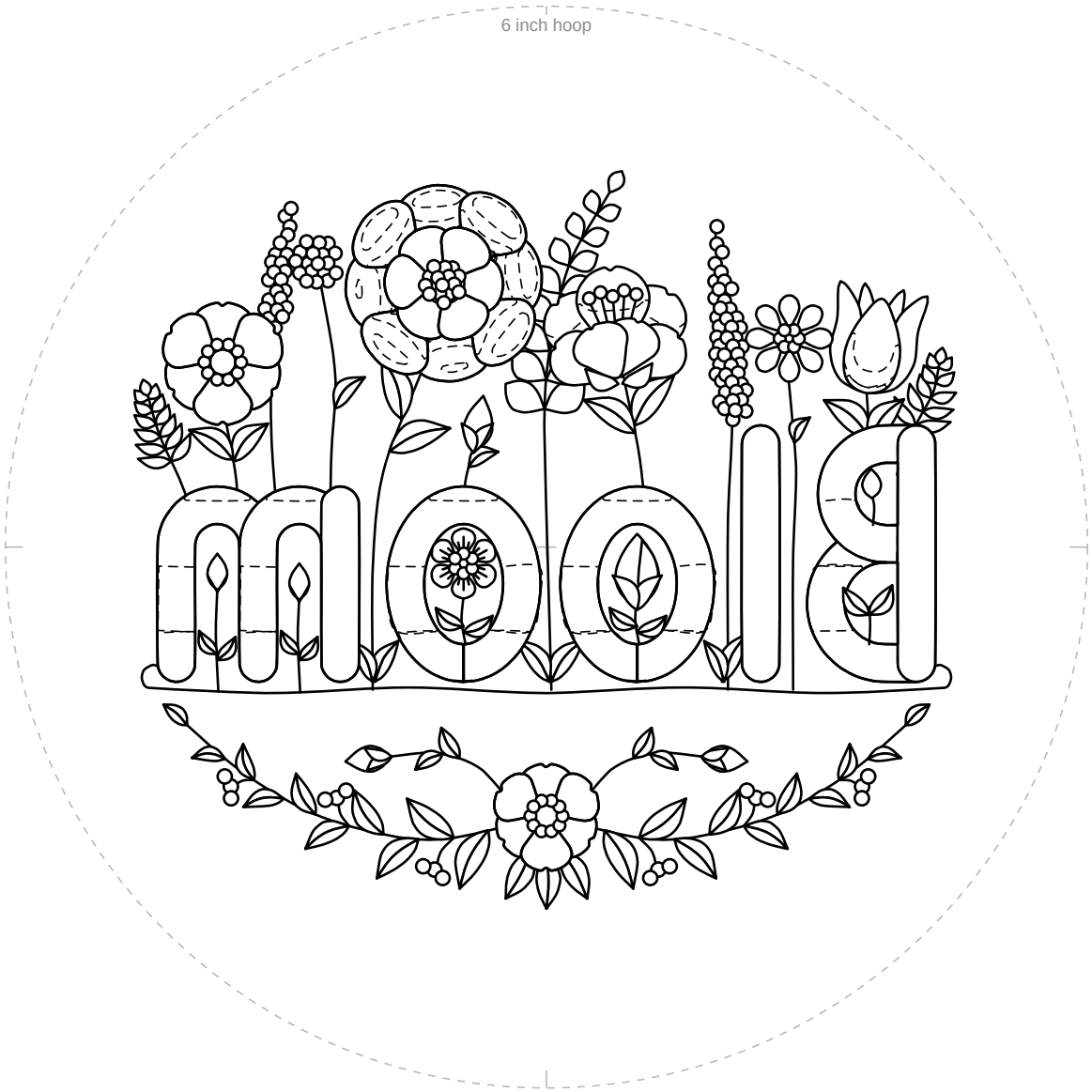
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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