# Varsity letter laurel monogram, letter A

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, letter 1.6 in (4.1 cm) tall, 4.2 × 4.2 in (10.7 × 10.7 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 7.

6 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 6
   Leaves (each half slanted to the center vein, in its own color), blossom petals, letter



2. **Stem stitch**
   2 or 3 strands, color 1
   Branches



Stitch in this order, continued

3. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 4, 5
   Blossom center, ring of knots in the blossom



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.




| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1** DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green | **3** DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink | **5** DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw |
| **2** DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green | **4** DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose | **6** DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown |



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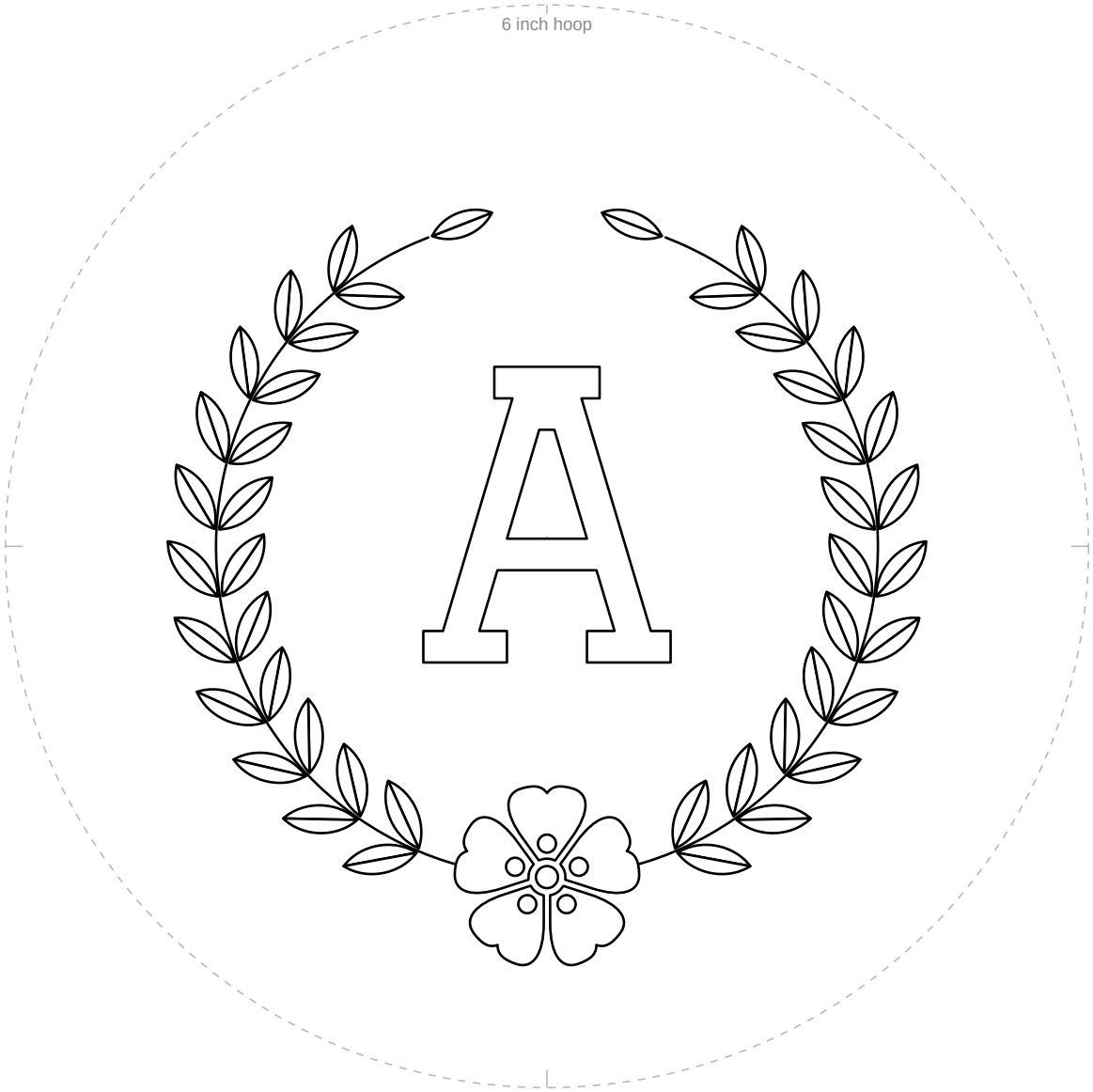
**Letter 1.6 in, 6 inch hoop**

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.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.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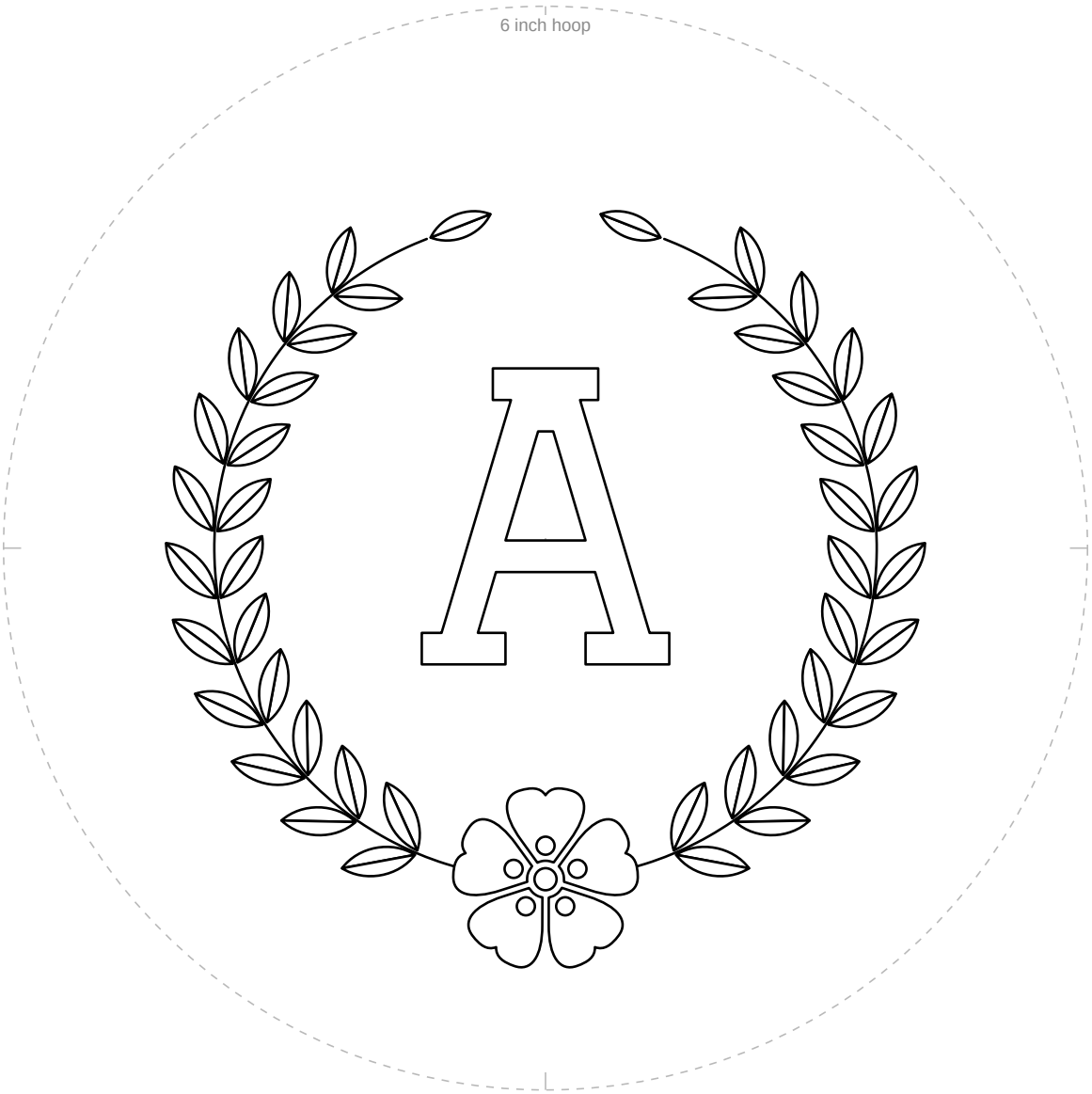
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.

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