# California lilac sprig bookmark

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 1.9 × 4.4 in (4.8 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

## Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Corner leaves, corner florets, twig, florets, bee wings, bee stripes, bee head
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Border, bud stems, bee wing edges, bee feelers
4. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Border dashes
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf stalks, bud stems
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, twig light

## Floss

- **1 DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet**
  Border and shadow buds, florets (darkest)
- **2 DMC 3687 Mauve** Border dashes
- **3 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves (lighter), bud stems and corner leaves
- **4 DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue**
  Florets (middle), corner florets, buds (darker)
- **5 DMC 744 Pale Yellow** Floret hearts
- **6 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaves (darker), leaf stalks
- **7 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Leaf veins
- **8 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown** Twig
- **9 DMC 437 Light Tan** Twig light
- **10 DMC 794 Light Cornflower Blue**
  Florets (light), buds (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3807 Cornflower Blue** Florets (dark)
- **12 DMC 157 Very Light Cornflower Blue**
  Florets (lightest)
- **13 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Bee wings
- **14 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Bee wing edges
- **15 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Bee stripes (lighter), bee thorax
- **16 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Bee stripes (darker), bee head and bee feelers

Stitches, continued

7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Floret hearts, buds, shadow buds, bee thorax

## Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 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 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.



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**6 inch hoop**

## How to read it

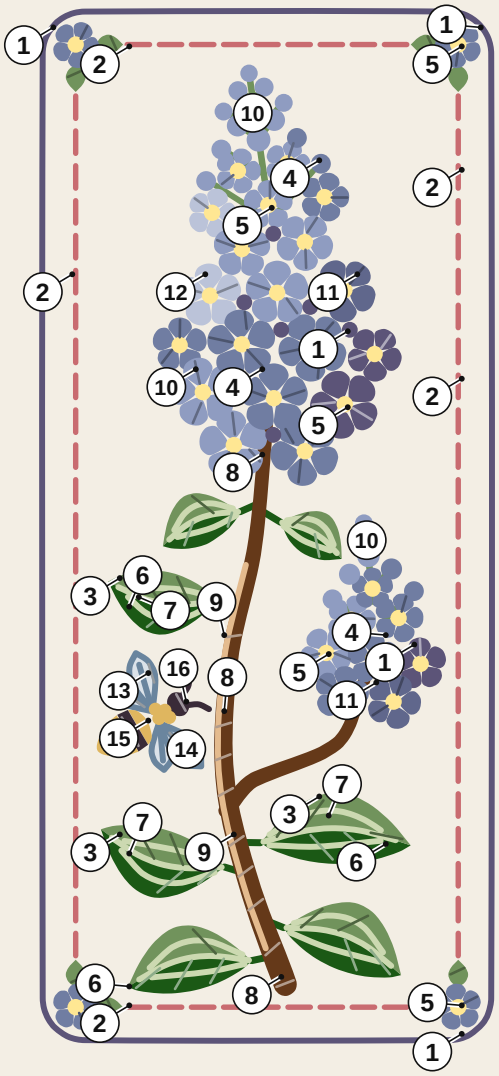
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

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



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| **2** | DMC 3687 Mauve | **8** | DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown | **14** | DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue |
| **3** | DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green | **9** | DMC 437 Light Tan | **15** | DMC 3820 Dark Straw |
| **4** | DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue | **10** | DMC 794 Light Cornflower Blue | **16** | DMC 3371 Black Brown |
| **5** | DMC 744 Pale Yellow | **11** | DMC 3807 Cornflower Blue | | |
| **6** | DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green | **12** | DMC 157 Very Light Cornflower Blue | | |

## How many strands

Back stitch. 3 strands: border; 1 strand: bud stems, bee wing edges, bee feelers.
Stem stitch. 2 strands: leaf stalks; 1 strand: bud stems.
French knot. 2 strands: floret hearts, buds, shadow buds; 1 strand: bee thorax.



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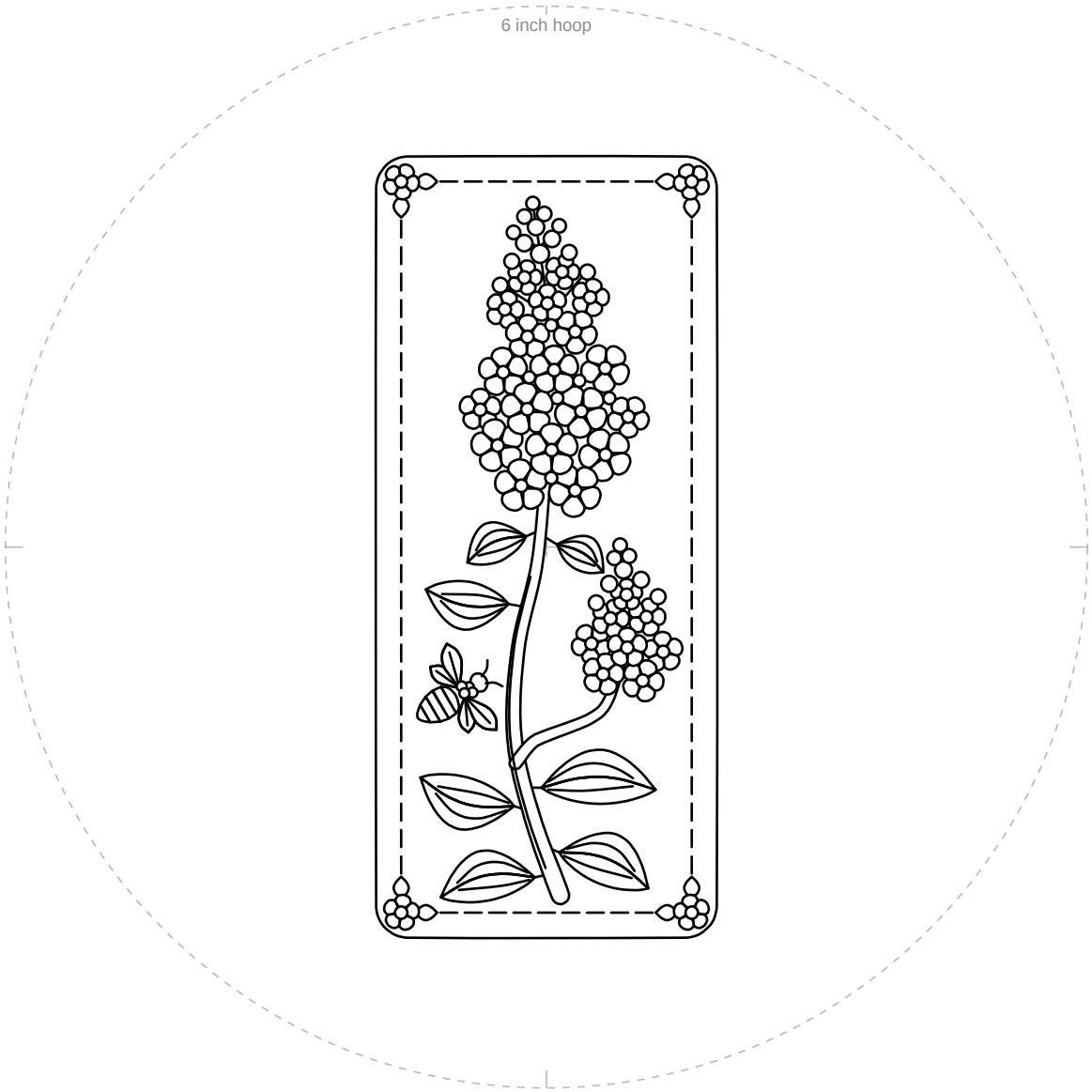
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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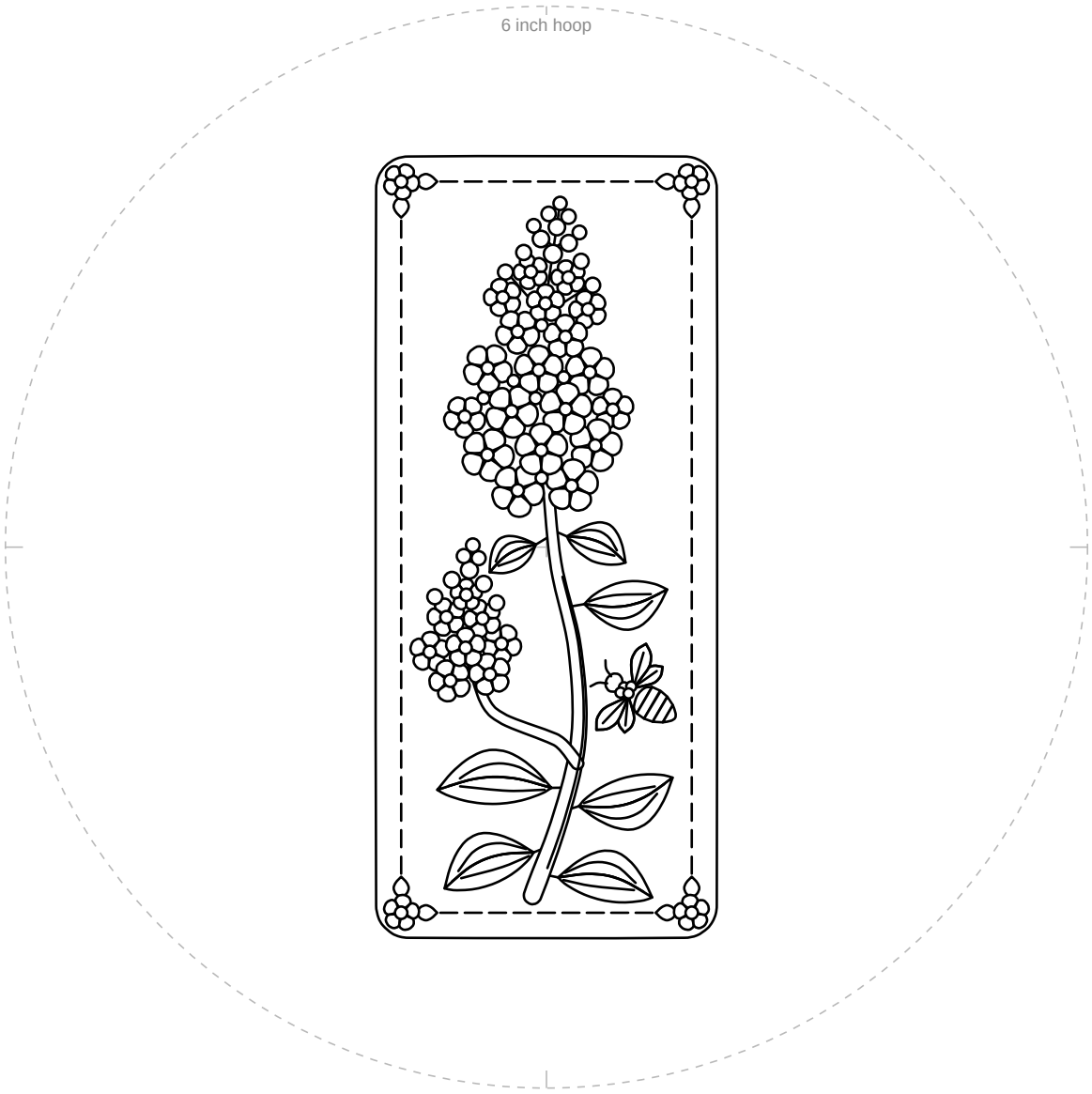
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.

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