California poppies with a bud

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.6 in (9.7 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Feathery leaves, stems, flower cups, collars, bud cap
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Poppy petals, side poppy, furled poppy, opening bud
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Feathery leaves, stems
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Stamens
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Furled poppy edges, opening bud
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Stamens

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green**
  Feathery leaves (dark)
- **2 DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray**
  Stems, flower cups (darker)
- **3 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Poppy petals and side poppy (shade 1 of 7), furled poppy (darkest)
- **4 DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange**
  Poppy petals and side poppy (shade 2 of 7), furled poppy (dark) and 2 more parts
- **5 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Side poppy and poppy petals (shade 3 of 7), furled poppy (middle), opening bud (dark)
- **6 DMC 971 Pumpkin**
  Poppy petals and side poppy (shade 4 of 7), furled poppy (light) and 1 more part
- **7 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Poppy petals and side poppy (shade 5 of 7), stamens (dark) and 2 more parts
- **8 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Poppy petals and side poppy (shade 6 of 7), stamens (middle), opening bud (light)
- **9 DMC 744 Pale Yellow**
  Poppy petals and side poppy (shade 7 of 7), opening bud (lightest), stamens (light)
- **10 DMC 523 Light Fern Green** Flower cups (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3712 Medium Salmon** Collars (darker)
- **12 DMC 761 Light Salmon** Collars (lighter)
- **13 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Bud cap (lighter)
- **14 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Bud cap (darker)
- **15 DMC 926 Medium Gray Green**
  Feathery leaves (middle)
- **16 DMC 927 Light Gray Green**
  Feathery leaves (light)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 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 3 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 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 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.

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How to read it

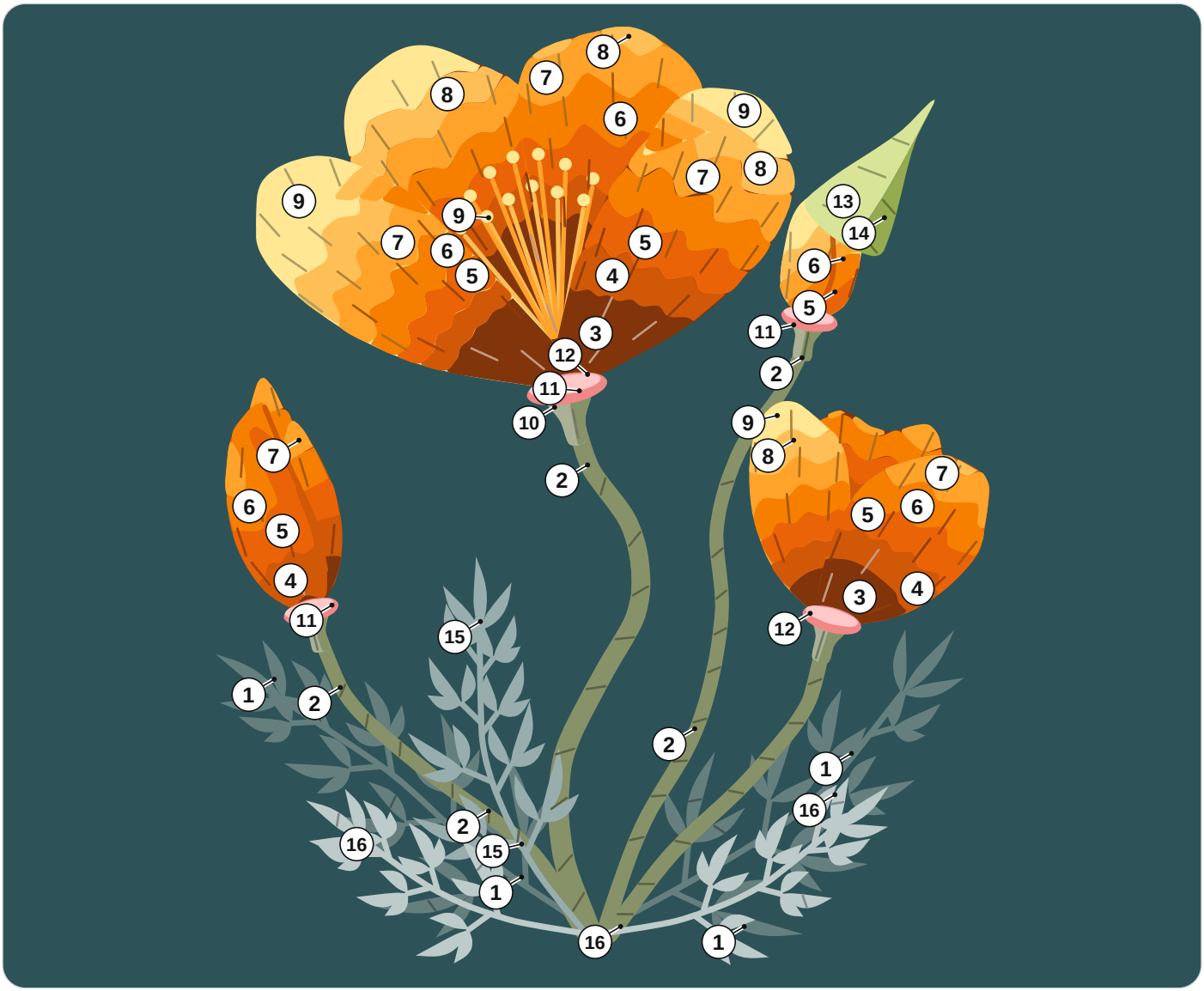
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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 fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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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3	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	9	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	15	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green
4	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange	10	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	16	DMC 927 Light Gray Green
5	DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange	11	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon		
6	DMC 971 Pumpkin	12	DMC 761 Light Salmon		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 1 or 2 strands: feathery leaves; 1 strand: stems.

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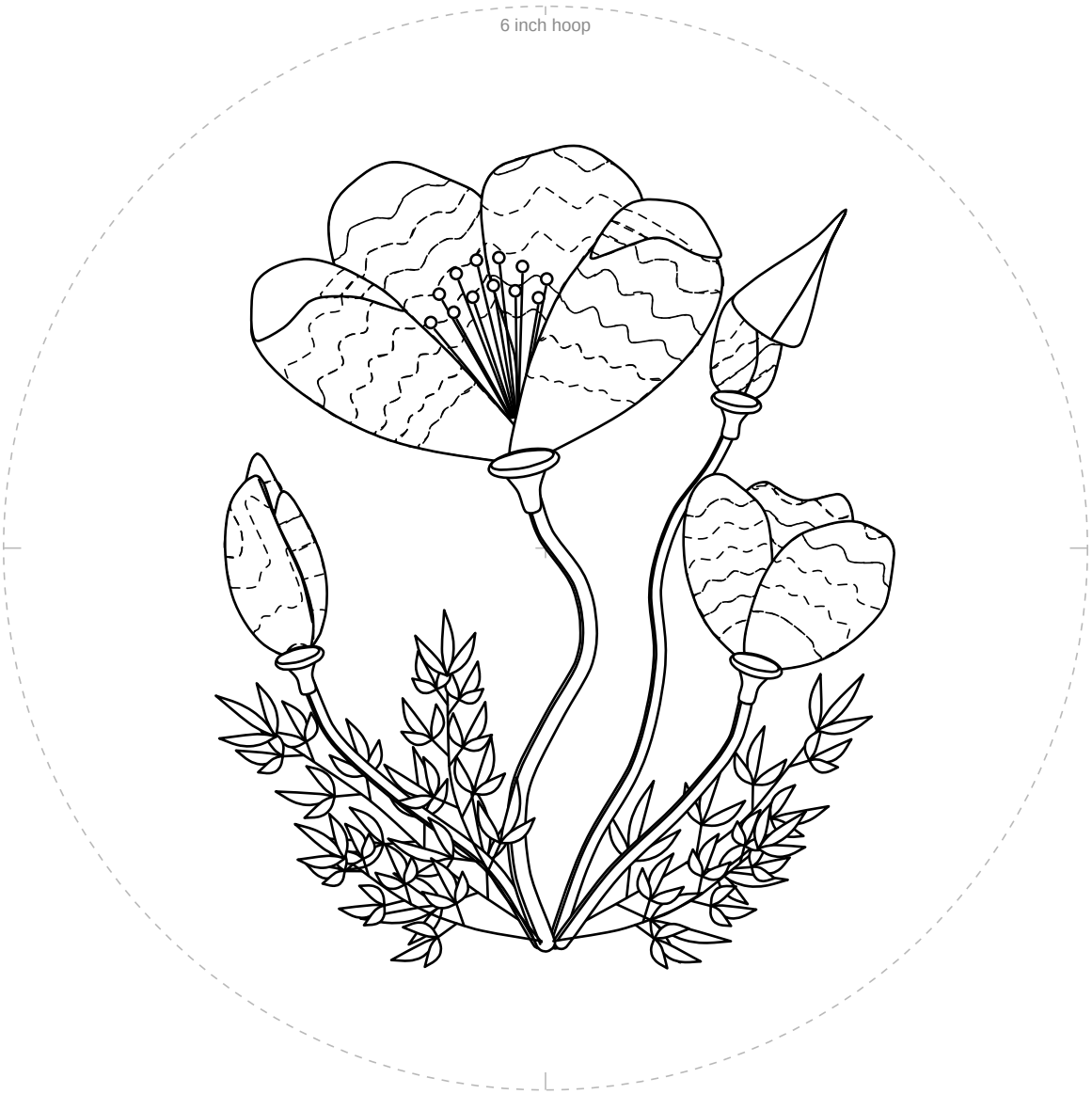
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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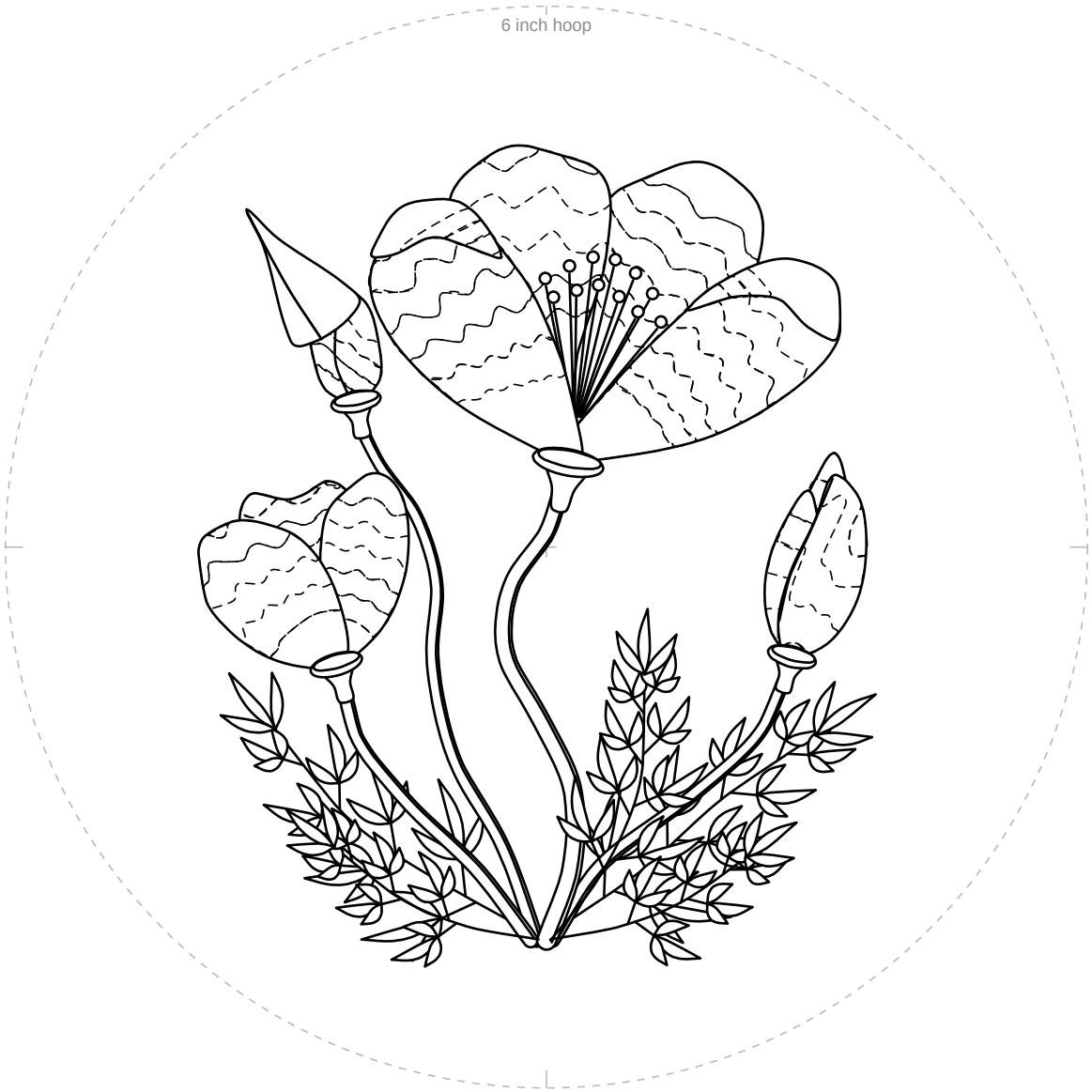
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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