California outline with golden poppies

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 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**, strands by part on page 2
   Frame leaves, frame buds, stems, flower collars, flower cones
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf sheaths
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Poppy petals, green caps
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Frame vine, ferny leaves
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bud cups, ferny leaves, stamens, throat
6. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   State outline
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Stem light, petal edges, cap edges
8. **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
   Anthers

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 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Ferny leaves (middle), stems and frame vine, frame leaves (darker) and 4 more parts
- **2 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Ferny leaves and green caps (light), stem light, frame leaves (lighter)
- **3 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Poppy petals (middle), frame buds
- **4 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  State outline
- **5 DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green**
  Ferny leaves and green caps (dark), cap edges, leaf sheaths (darker)
- **6 DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange**
  Poppy petals (darkest)
- **7 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Poppy petals (dark)
- **8 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Petal edges and throat
- **9 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Poppy petals (light)
- **10 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Poppy petals (lightest), stamens, anthers (lighter)
- **11 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Flower collars
- **12 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Anthers (darker)

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

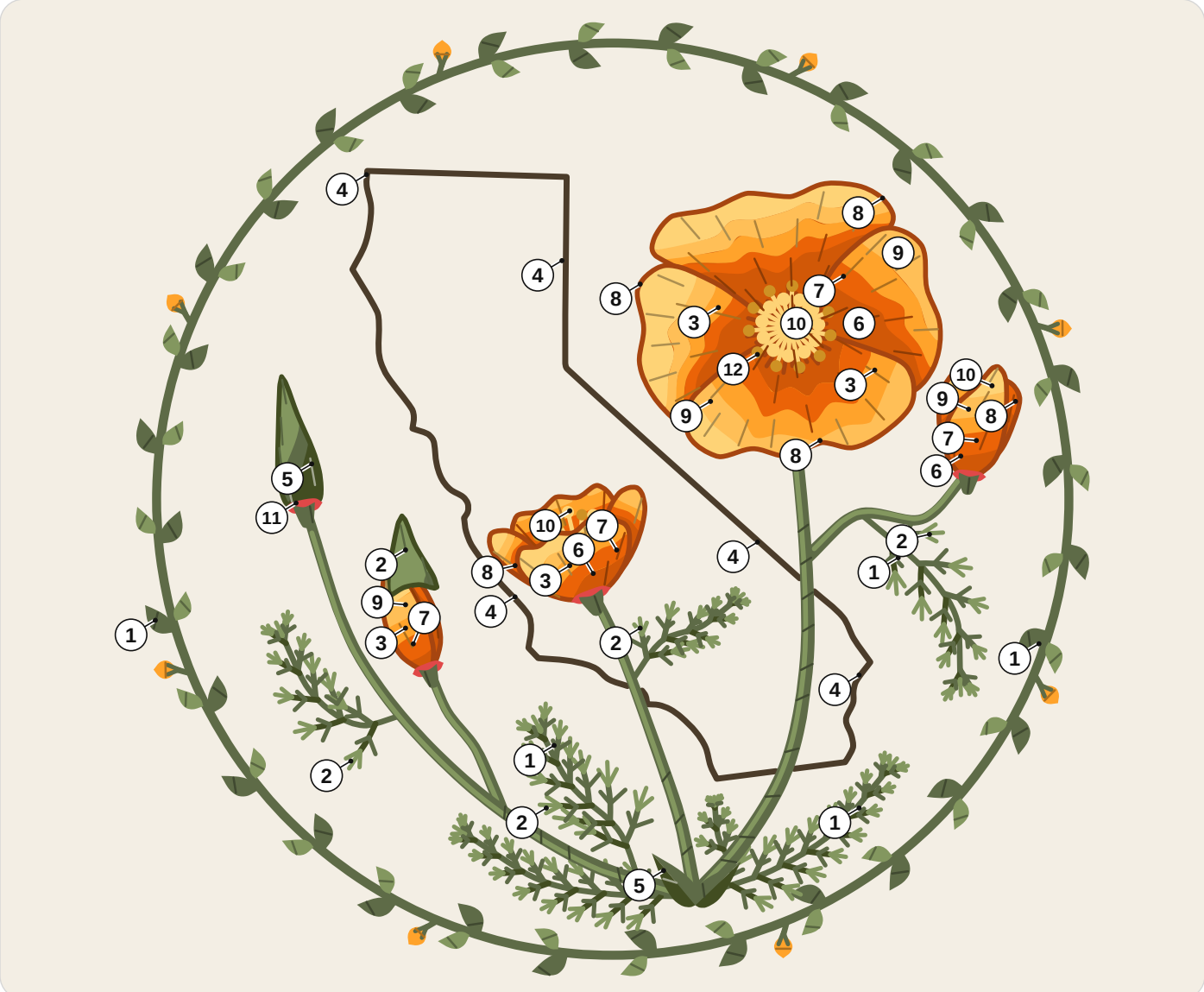
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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 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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4	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	**8**	DMC 919 Red Copper	**12**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz

How many strands

Satin stitch. 2 strands: frame leaves, frame buds, stems, flower cones; 1 strand: flower collars.
Stem stitch. 2 or 5 strands: frame vine; 1 or 2 strands: ferny leaves.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: bud cups, ferny leaves; 1 strand: stamens, throat.

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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

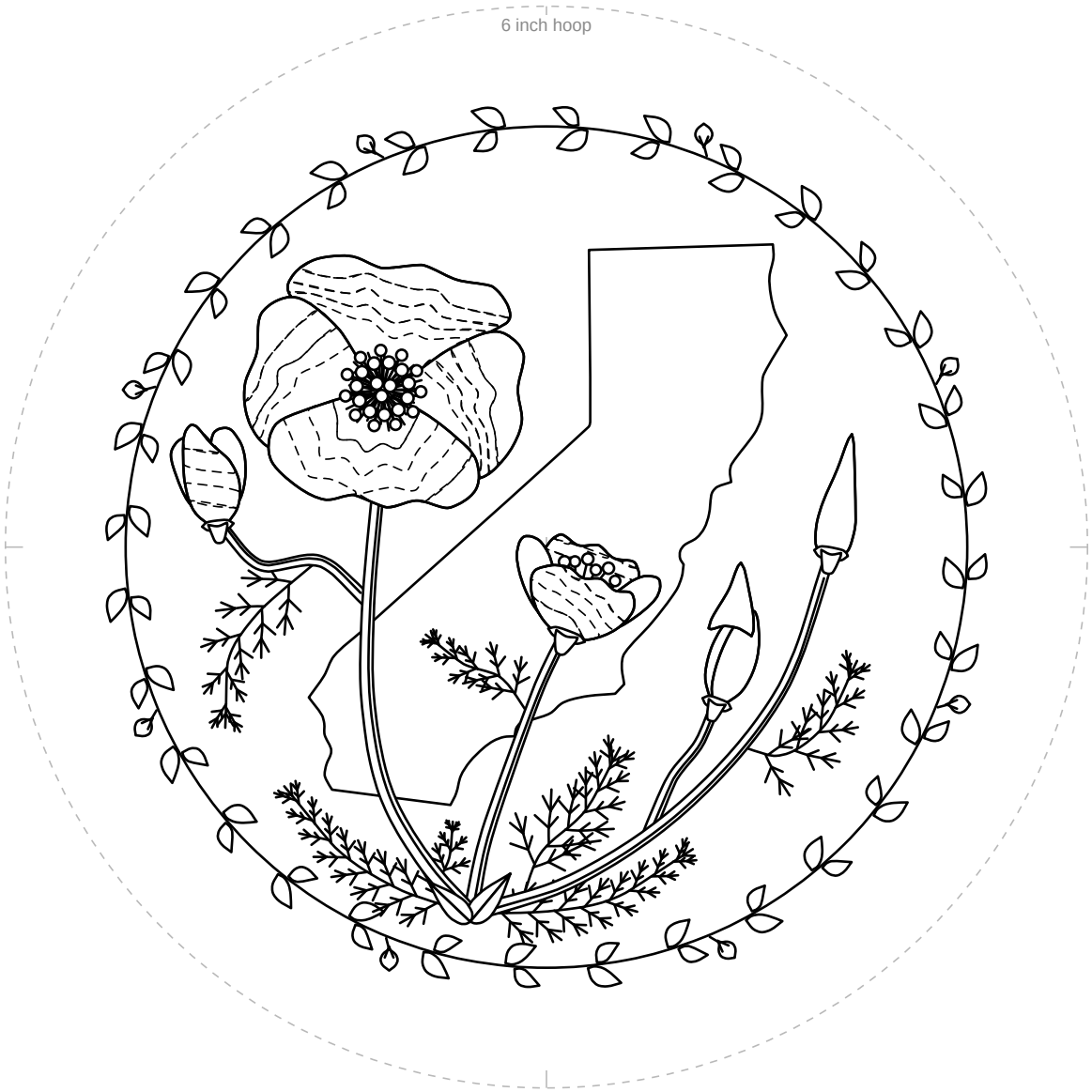
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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