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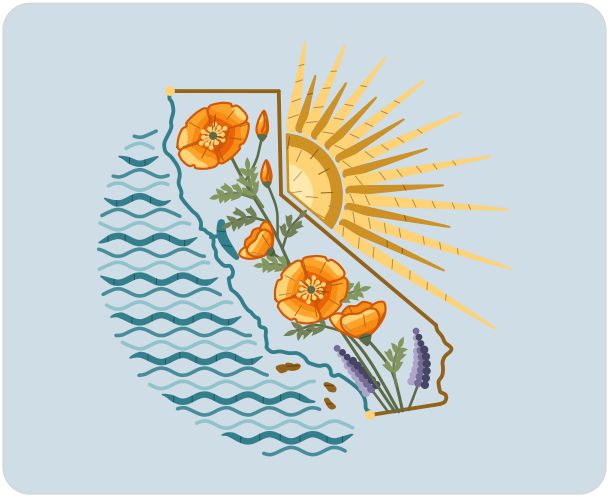
Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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
   Sun rays, swells, islands, bay, leaves, flower cups
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sun, petals
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sun edge, swells, bay, stems, leaves
4. **Whipped back stitch**, 6 strands
   Land border, coast
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens

Floss

- **1 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Sun rays (lighter), petals (lightest), sun (middle), stamens and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Sun rays (darker), sun (dark), sun edge
- **3 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow** Sun (light)
- **4 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Swells (middle)
- **5 DMC 598 Light Turquoise** Swells (light)
- **6 DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue**
  Swells (dark), coast and bay
- **7 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Land border and islands
- **8 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Stems, flower cups and flower hearts, leaves (dark)
- **9 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet** Lupines (light)
- **10 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet** Lupines (middle)
- **11 DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue**
  Lupines (dark)
- **12 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Leaves (middle)
- **13 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Leaves (light)
- **14 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Petals (dark)
- **15 DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange**
  Petal edges, petals (darkest)
- **16 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin** Petals (middle)
- **17 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine** Petals (light)

Stitches, continued

7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Corner knots, lupines, stamen tips, flower hearts

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

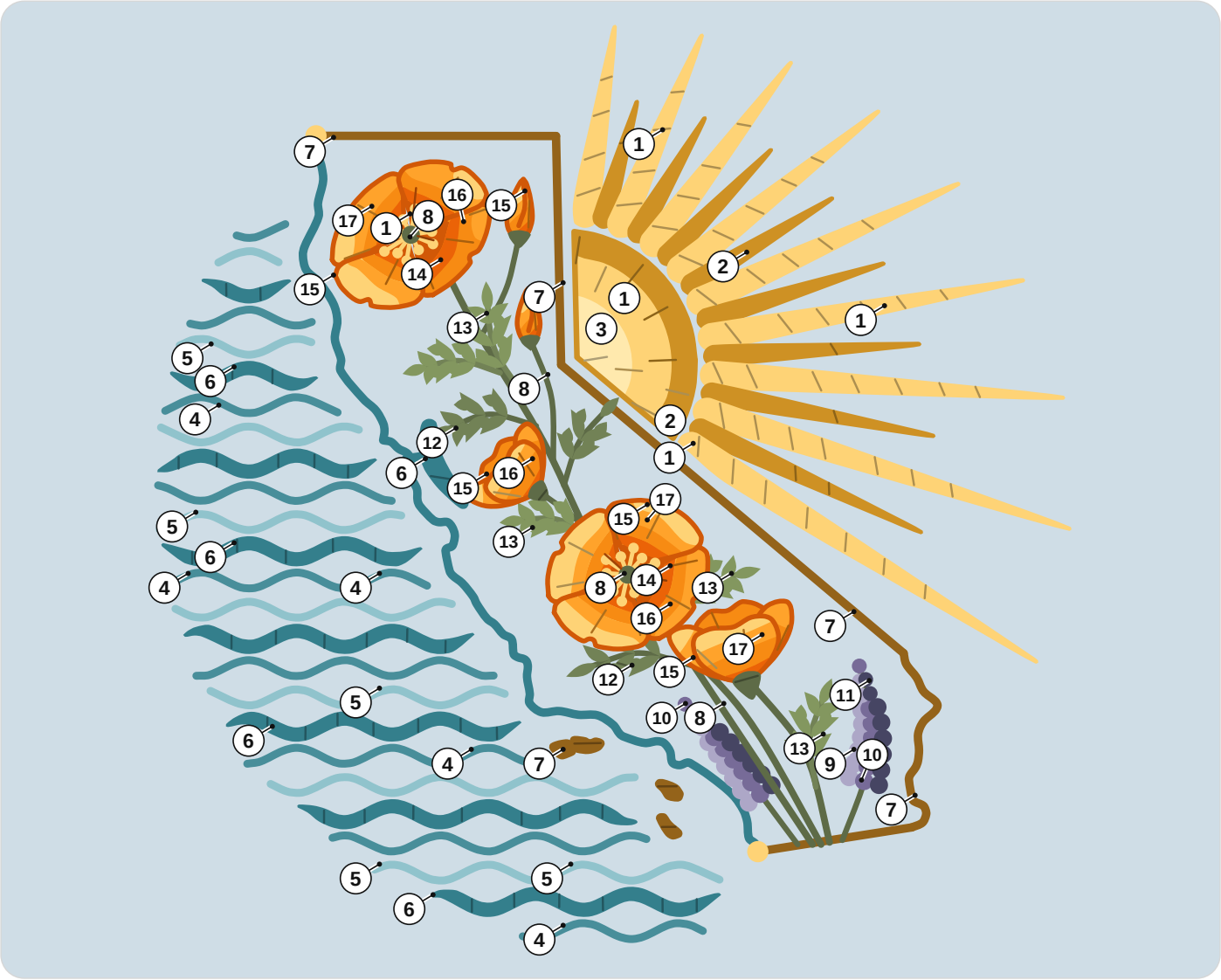
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 5 strands: bay; 4 strands: swells; 2 or 3 strands: stems; 2 strands: sun edge, leaves.
French knot. 2 strands: corner knots, lupines, flower hearts; 1 strand: stamen tips.

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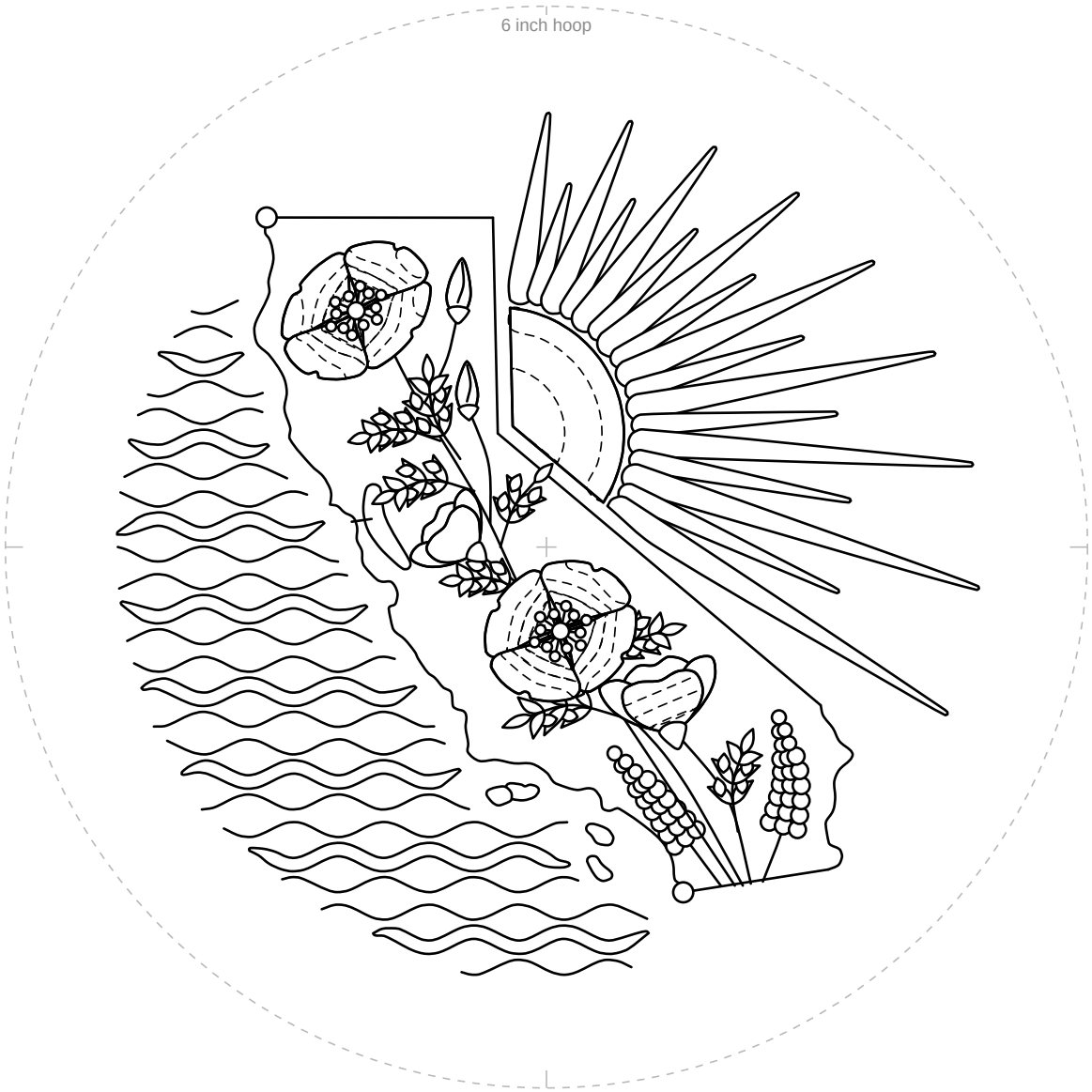
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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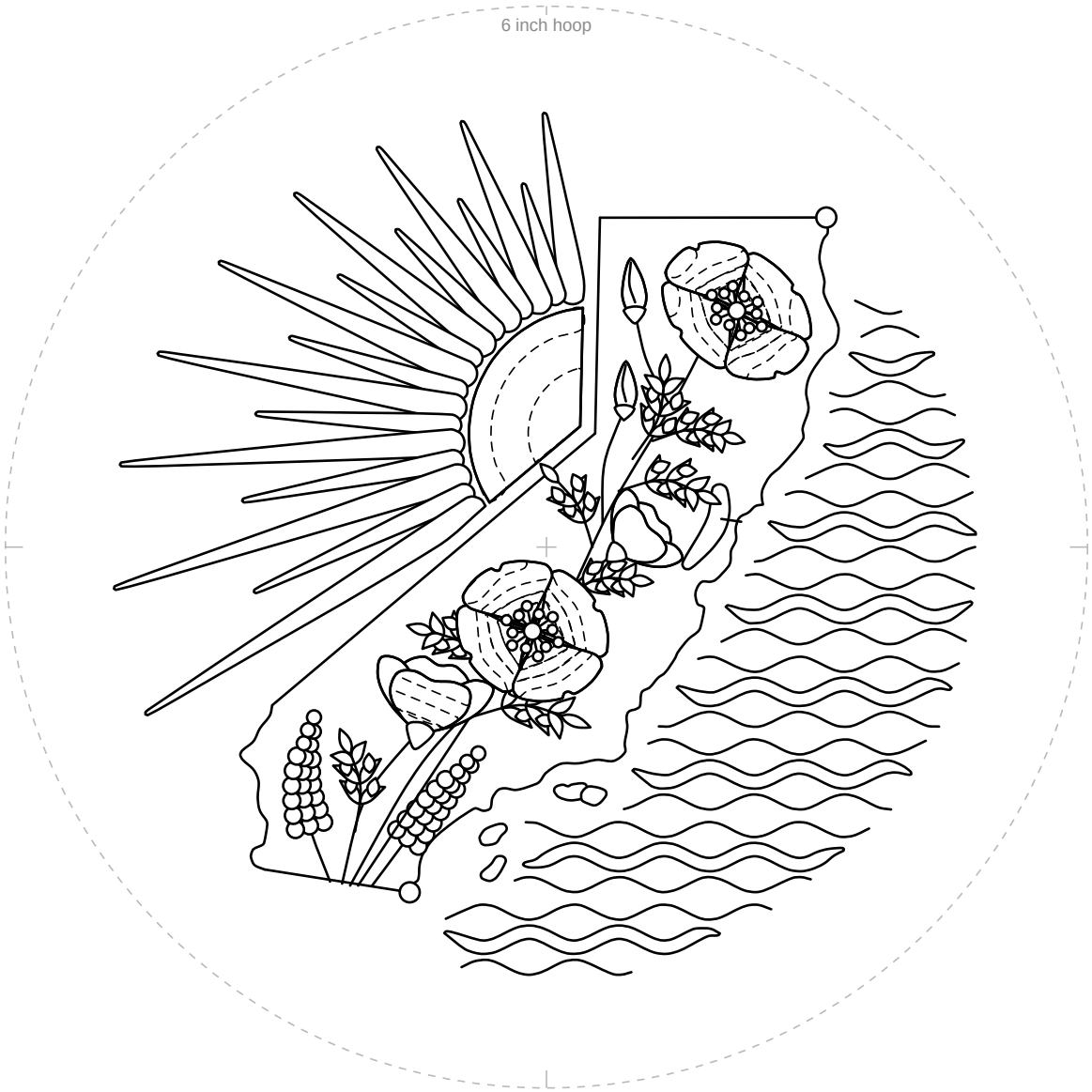
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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