Cherry blossom coaster

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.3 in (10.7 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

16 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3865; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16
   Moon, bough, buds, blossom petals, drifting petals (color 13)
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 9, 10
   Young leaves
3. **Satin stitch**, colors 12, 15
   2 strands: flower cups
   1 strand: blossom center, drifting petals (color 12)
4. **Stem stitch**, colors 5, 8, 9
   3 strands: moon rim
   1 strand: lines of the young leaves
   2 strands: flower stalks
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 14
   Petal edges
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 1
   Stamens
7. **Straight stitch**, colors 5, 9, 15
   1 strand: bark marks, stars
   2 strands: edges of the flower cups
8. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 5, 10, 15
   2 strands: knots of the flower cups, knots of the blossom center
   1 strand: stamen tips

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3865 Winter White	7	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	13	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
2	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	8	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	14	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose
3	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	9	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green	15	DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet
4	DMC 712 Cream	10	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	16	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
5	DMC 3821 Straw	11	DMC 3326 Light Rose		
6	DMC 779 Dark Cocoa	12	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose		

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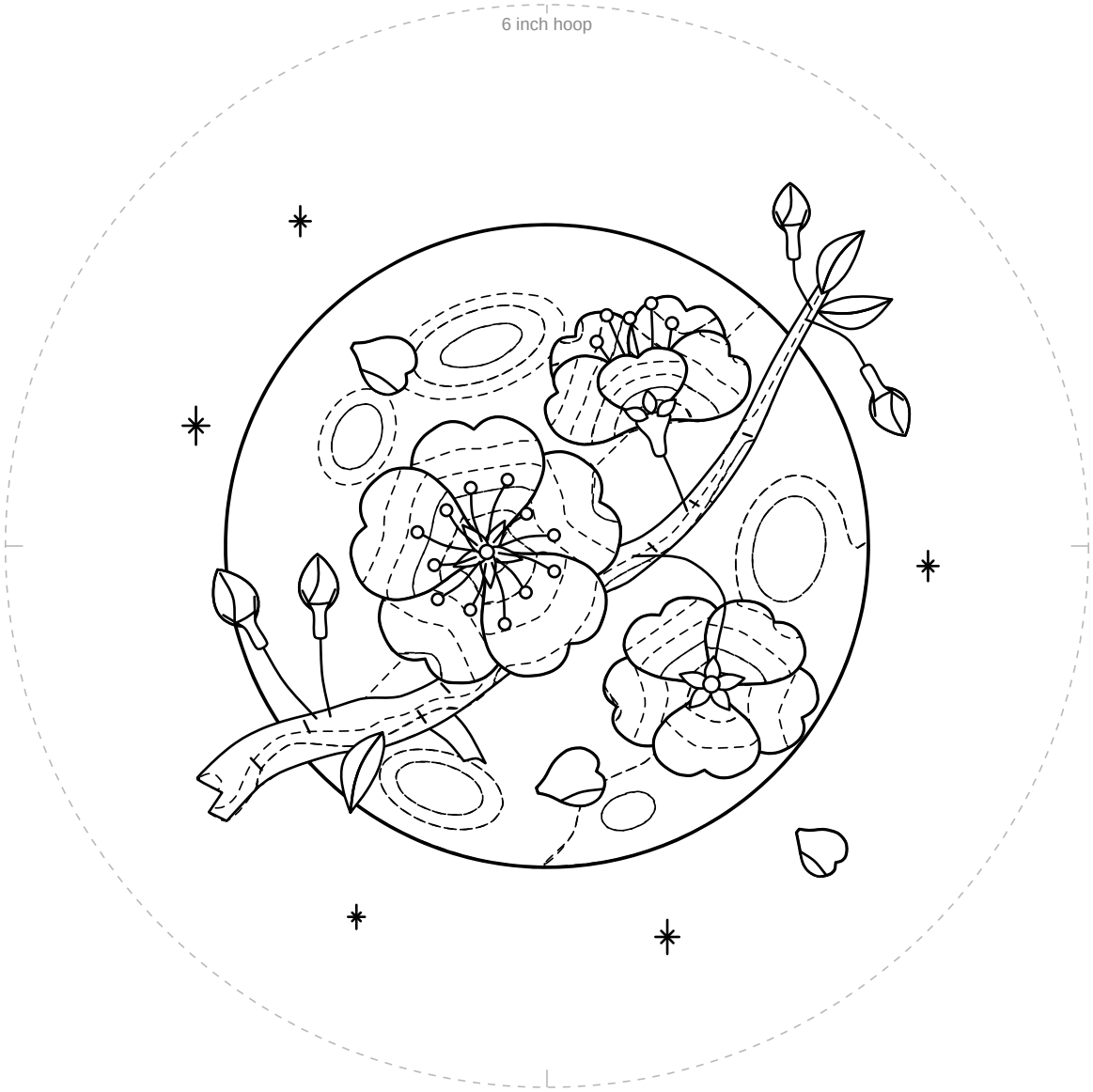
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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