Clematis vine wreath with seed heads

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.7 in (12.4 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

18 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

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. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: laurel stem
   2 strands: bud stalks

2. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud outlines, outlined sepals

3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves



4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Clematis leaves, buds, violet sepals



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud caps



6. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: clematis vine
   3 strands: leaf stalks
   2 strands: seed stalks
   1 strand: seed plumes

7. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins, laurel veins, sepal ribs
   2 strands: clematis outlines, laurel outlines

8. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: plume hairs
   2 strands: stamens



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Seeds, flower centers



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	7	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	13	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet
2	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	8	DMC 3053 Green Gray	14	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
3	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	9	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	15	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
4	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	10	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	16	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
5	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	11	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	17	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
6	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	12	DMC 155 Medium Dark Blue Violet	18	DMC 3822 Light Straw

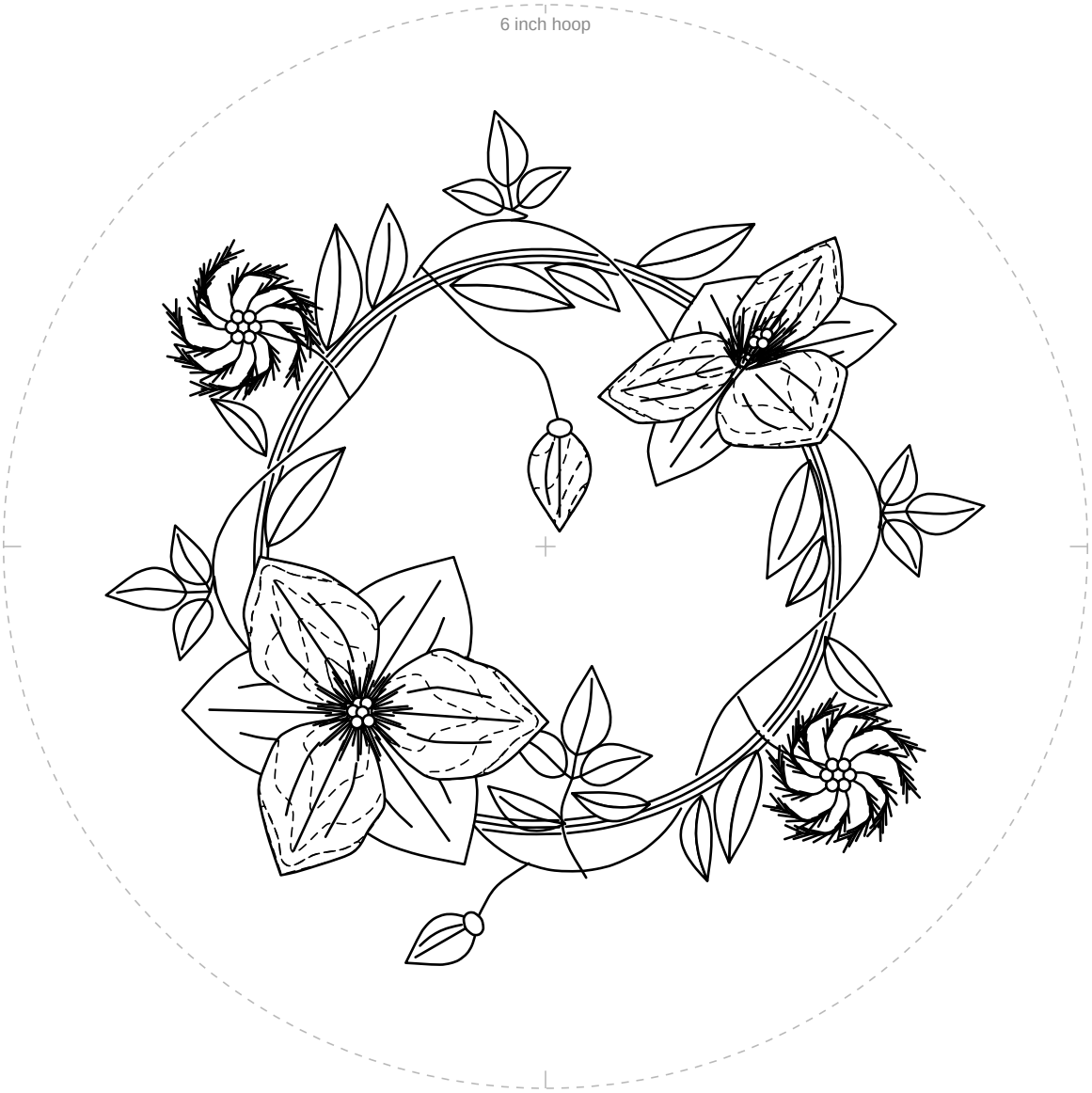
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6 inch hoop

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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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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