Coral stitch dahlia

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.4 in (11.2 × 11.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

14 colors of floss (page 2): 3 skeins of DMC 902; 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.

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. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2
   Leaves



2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12
   Petals



3. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand, color 3
   Leaf veins

Stitch in this order, continued

4. **Coral stitch**
   2 strands, colors 10, 11, 13, 14
   Petal rims
5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 4, 12
   Heart



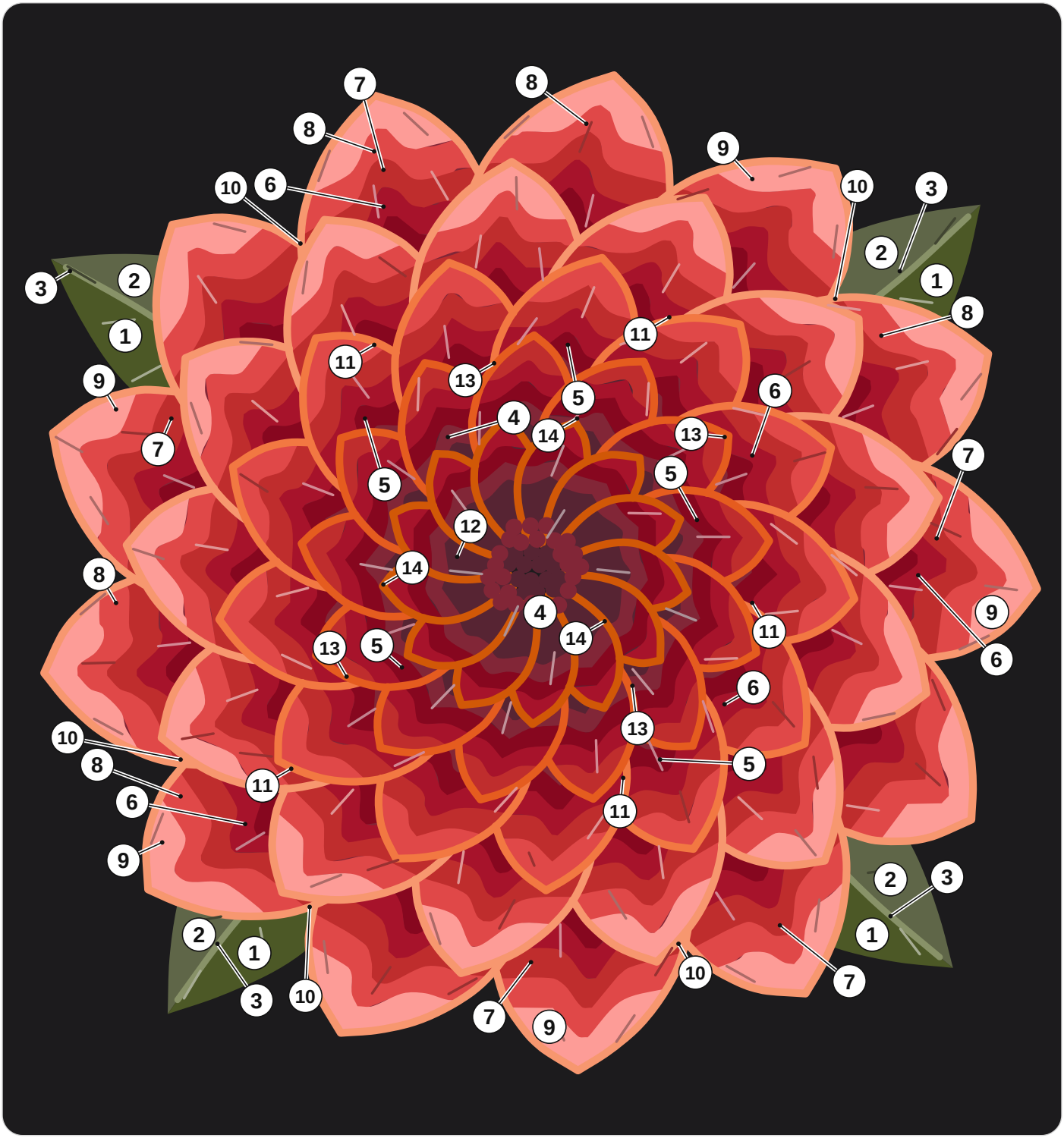
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	**6**	DMC 498 Dark Red	**11**	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice
2	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	**7**	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	**12**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
3	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	**8**	DMC 350 Medium Coral	**13**	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice
4	DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet	**9**	DMC 352 Light Coral	**14**	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange
5	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**10**	DMC 722 Light Orange Spice		

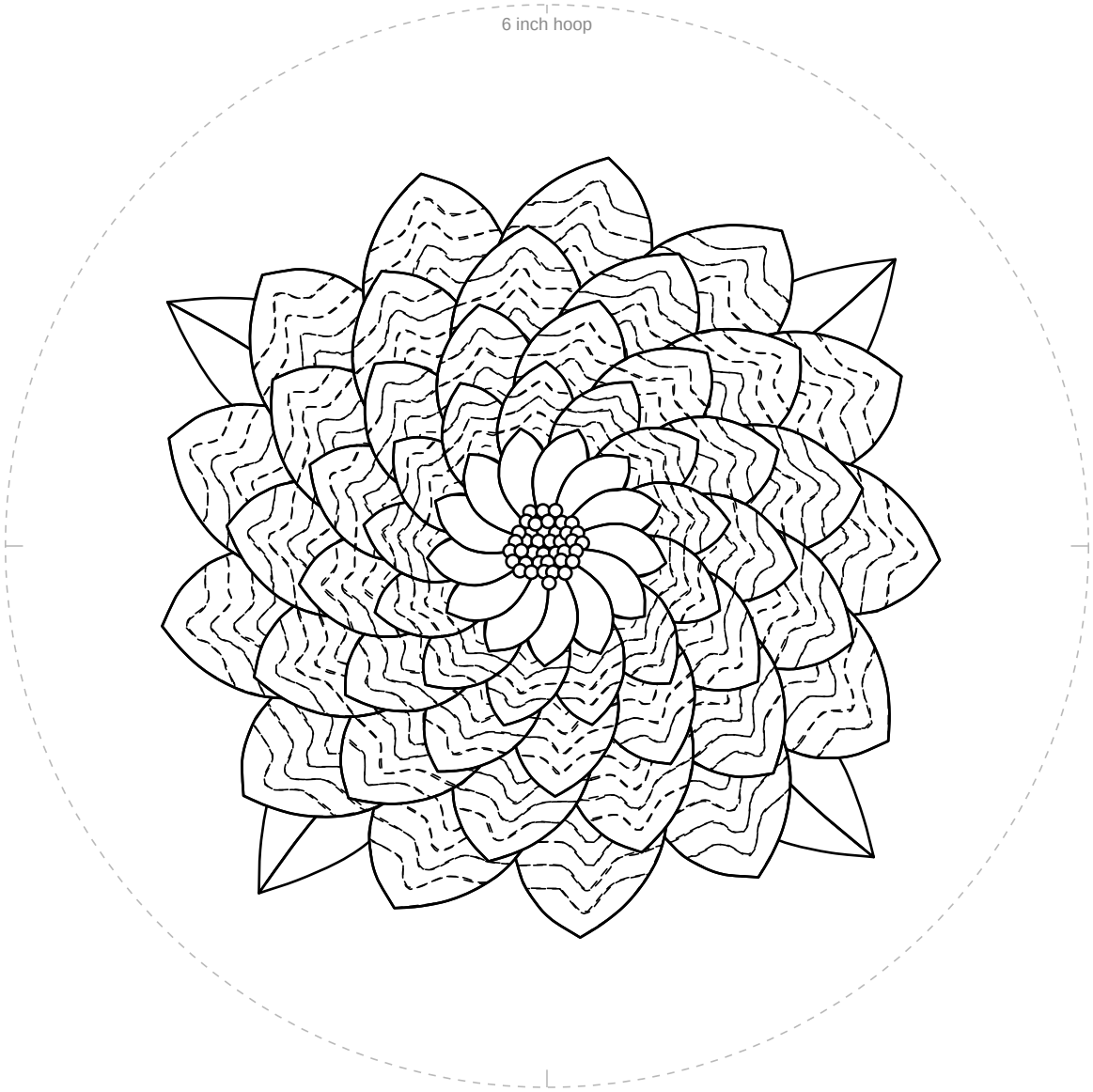
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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