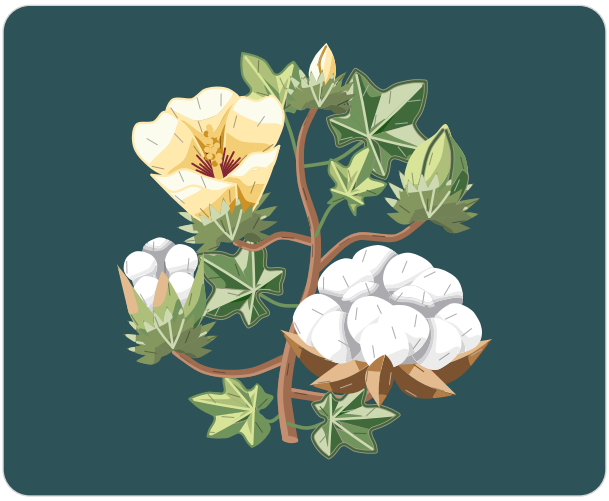
Cotton plant from bud to boll

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.8 in (10.9 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, stem, burr, cotton, bracts, splitting boll, green boll, petals, rolled rims
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cut end, stamen column
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf stalks, leaf veins, bract veins, boll seams, bud folds
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf edges, petal edges
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Petal throat
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Anthers

Floss

- **1 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves (middle dark), leaf edges (lighter), splitting boll (dark) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaves (dark), leaf edges (darker), green boll and splitting boll (darkest), boll seams
- **3 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Green boll and leaves (lightest), leaf veins (lighter)
- **4 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Splitting boll and green boll (light), leaves (middle light)
- **5 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Leaves (light), bract veins, leaf veins (darker), bracts (lightest)
- **6 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green** Leaves (darkest)
- **7 DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand** Stem (darker)
- **8 DMC 3064 Desert Sand** Stem (lighter), cut end
- **9 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Burr (dark)
- **10 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Burr (middle)
- **11 DMC 437 Light Tan** Burr (light), splitting boll (lightest)
- **12 DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Cotton (dark)
- **13 DMC B5200 Snow White** Cotton (lightest)
- **14 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray** Cotton (darkest)
- **15 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray** Cotton (light)
- **16 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green** Bracts (dark)
- **17 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green** Bracts (darkest)
- **18 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Bracts (light)
- **19 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Petals (darkest), anthers (darker), bud folds
- **20 DMC 3821 Straw**
  Petals (dark), stamen column, anthers (lighter)
- **21 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Petals (light), petal edges, rolled rims (darker)
- **22 DMC 746 Off White**
  Petals (lightest), rolled rims (lighter)
- **23 DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet** Petal throat

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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

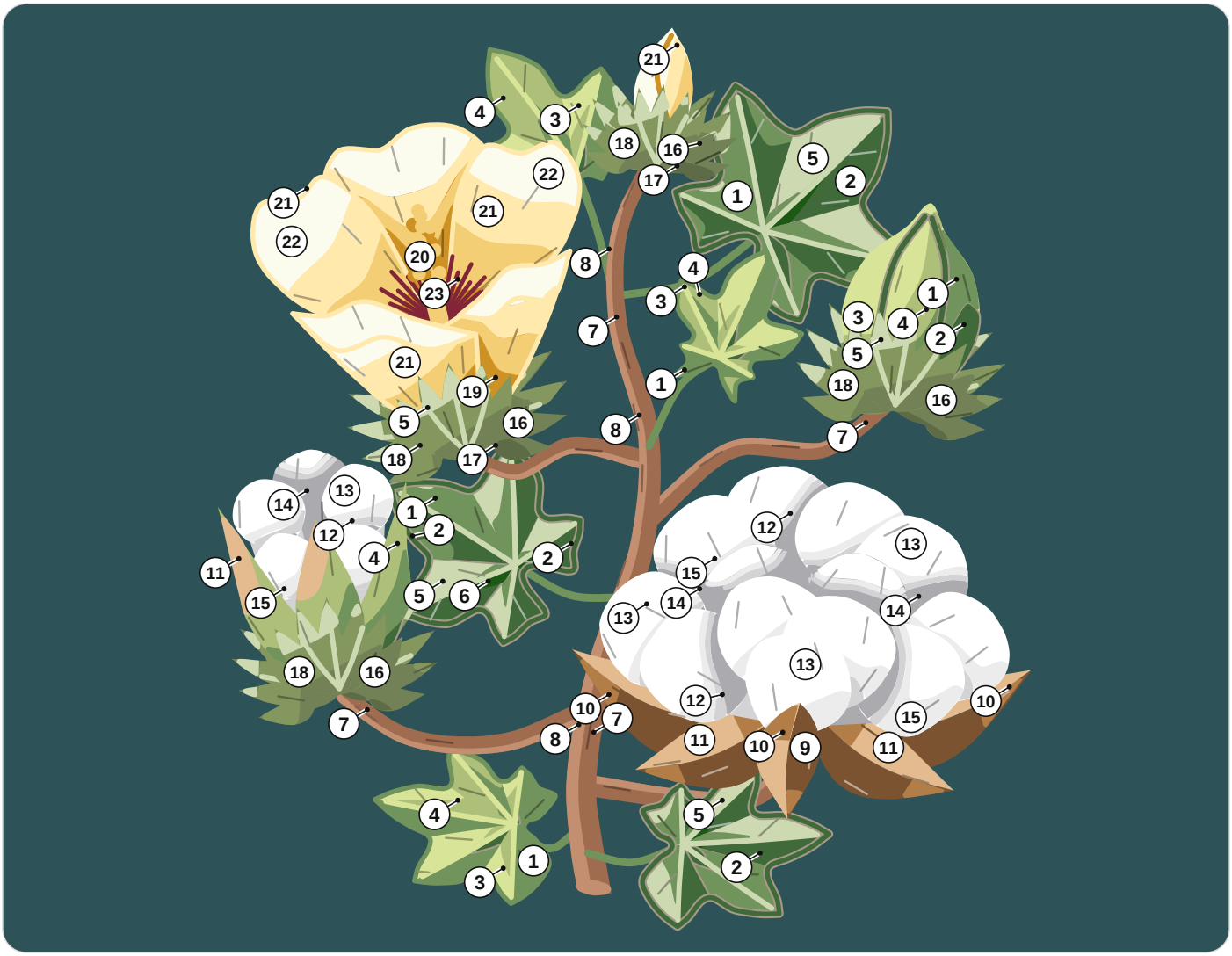
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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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3	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	11	DMC 437 Light Tan	19	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
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How many strands

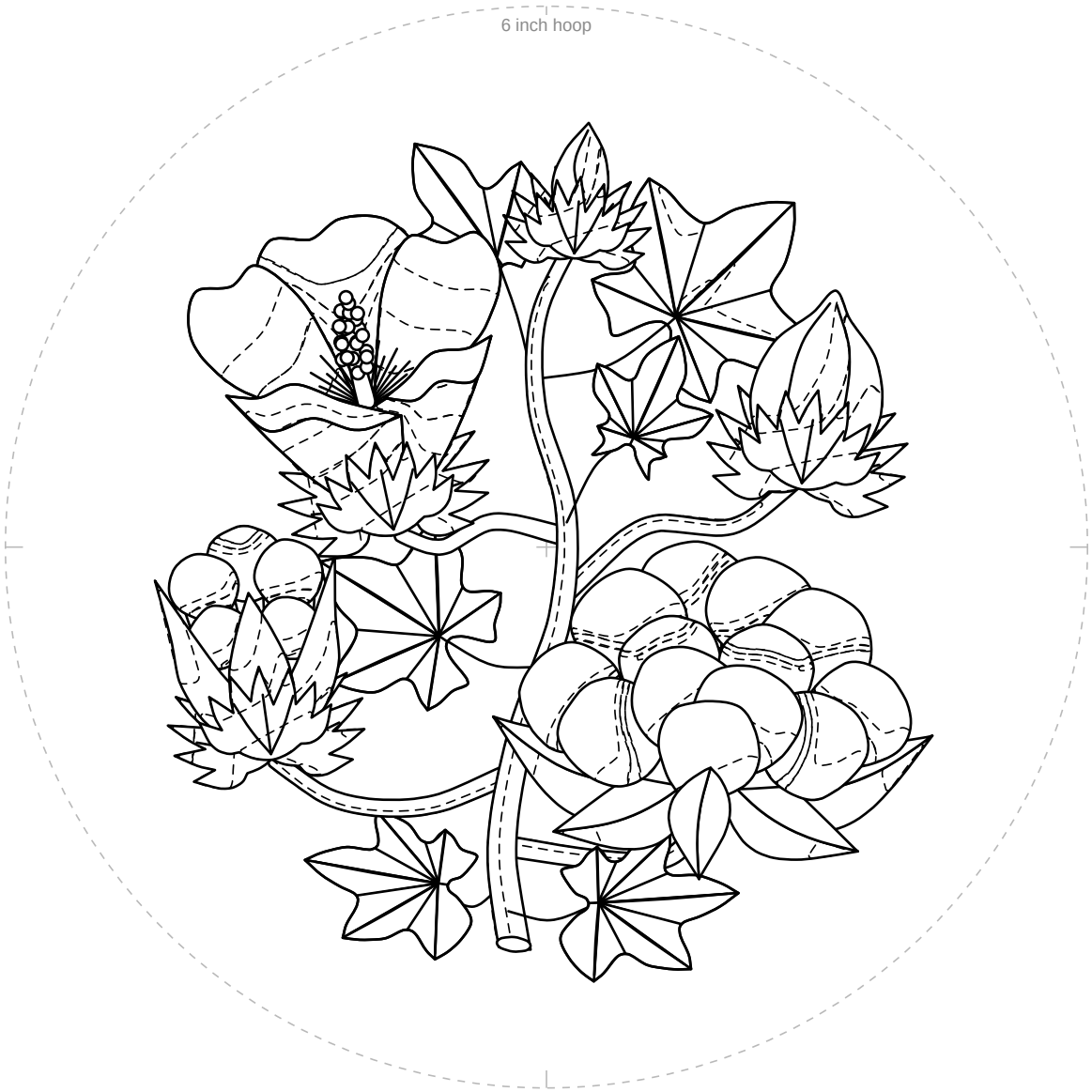
Stem stitch. 4 strands: leaf stalks; 1 or 2 strands: leaf veins; 1 strand: bract veins, boll seams, bud folds.

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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

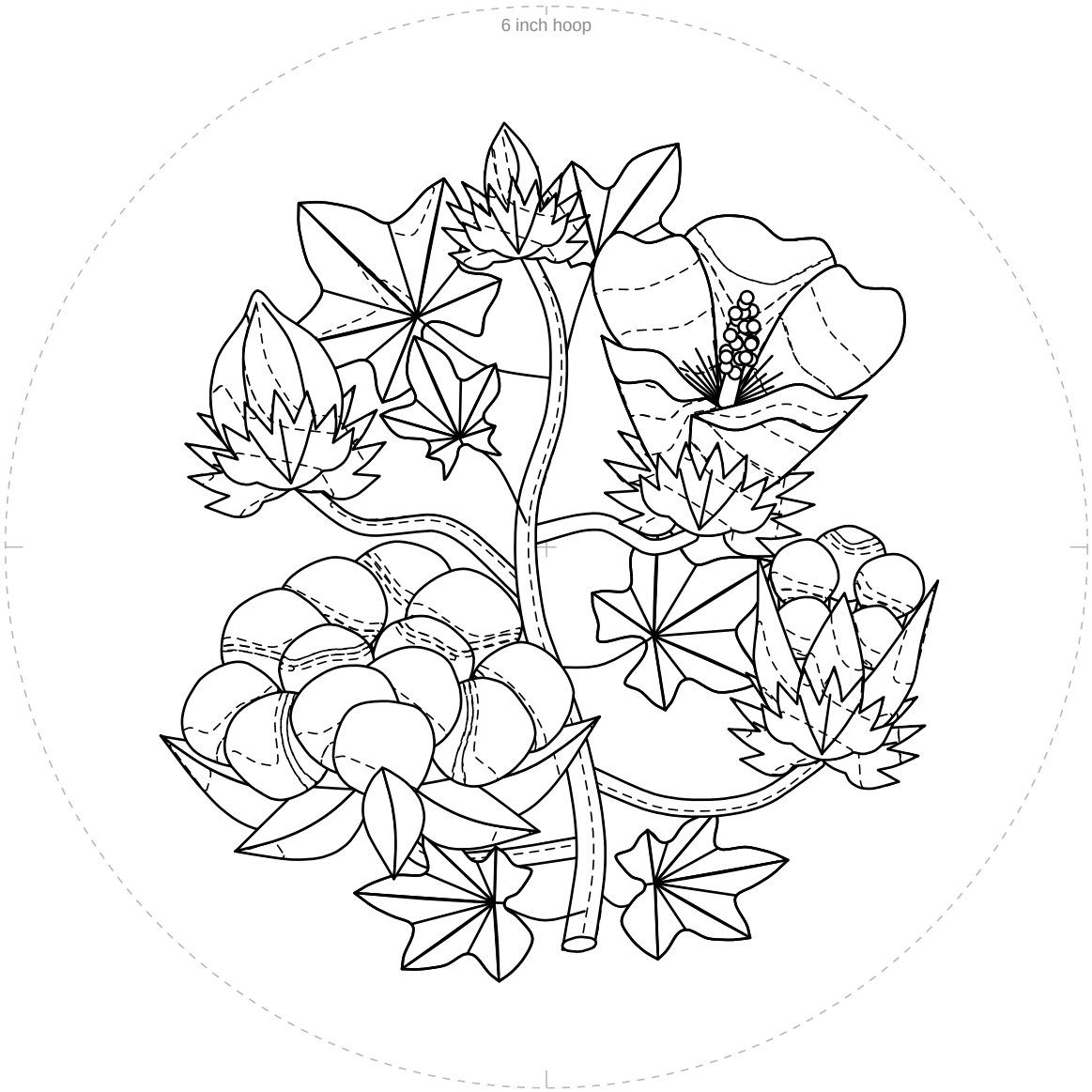
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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