Christmas rose crescent spray

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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, 3, 4, 5, 6
   Leaves, bracts



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 23
   Flower stems, nectaries, beak, eye



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Back of the turned flower, petals, nodding flower, flower buds, snow drift, tail, belly, gray bib edge, back, head, breast, wing feathers, small wing feathers, shoulder



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 4, 19
   1 strand: lines of the leaves
   2 strands: legs

5. **Straight stitch**, colors 11, 13, 14
   1 strand: stamens, eye highlight
   2 strands: pistils



6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 11, 12, 14, 18
   Petal veins, feather edges

7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 8, 9
   Snow on leaves



8. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 15, 16
   Stamen tips



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 502 Blue Green	9	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	17	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown
2	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	10	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink	18	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
3	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	11	DMC 3727 Light Antique Mauve	19	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
4	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	12	DMC 778 Very Light Antique Mauve	20	DMC 351 Coral
5	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	13	DMC 3865 Winter White	21	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
6	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	14	DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green	22	DMC 349 Dark Coral
7	DMC B5200 Snow White	15	DMC 712 Cream	23	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
8	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	16	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow		

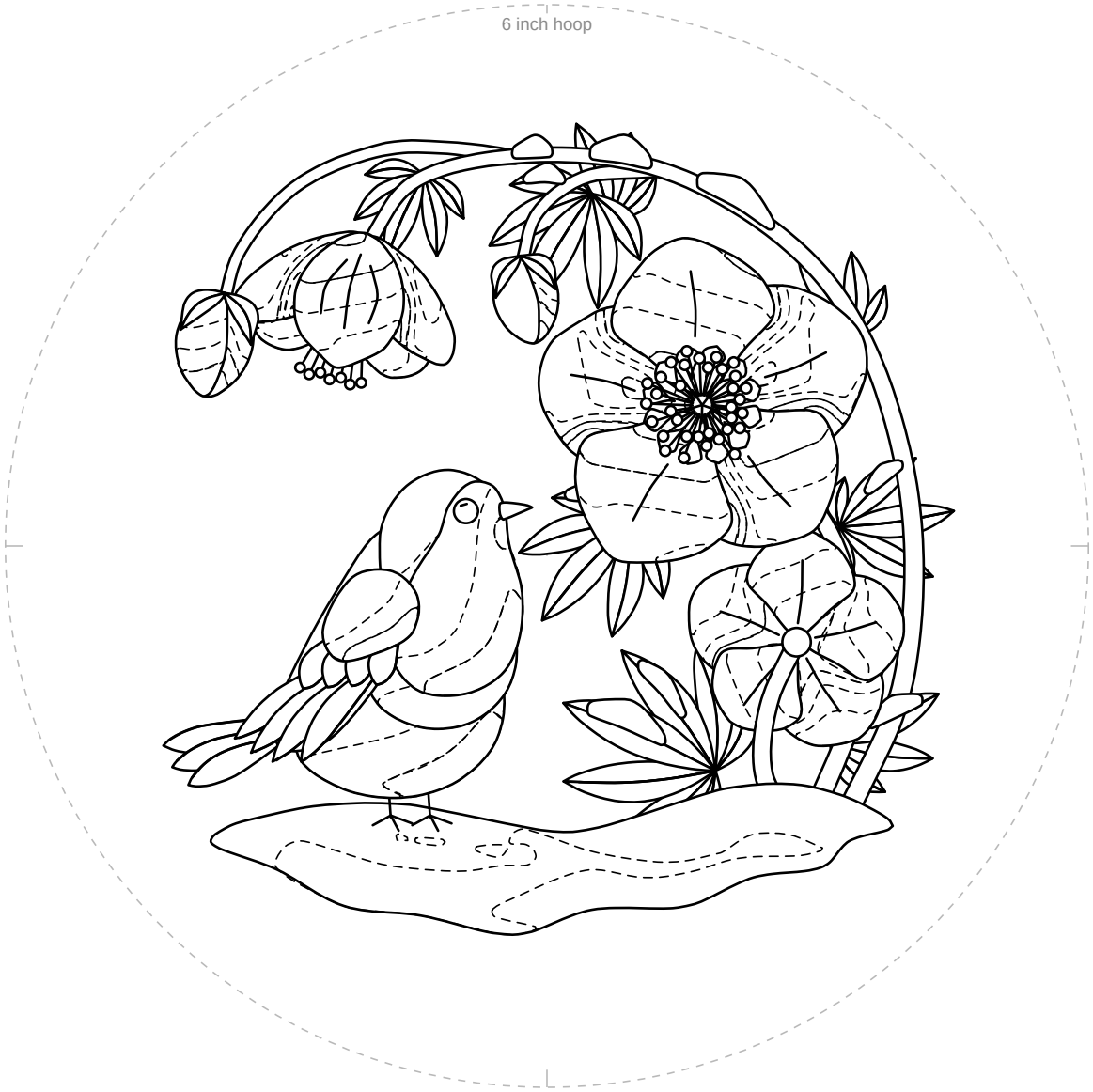
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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