Crossed arrows tied with a bow

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.6 in (9.7 × 11.7 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): 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 10
   Stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 10, 11
   Leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 6, 12, 13, 14
   Rosebuds, rose petals



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Shafts, arrowheads, bindings, feathers, nocks, sepals, rose center, ribbon, ribbon inside, knot



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 13, 15
   Rose edges, ribbon folds

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 5
   Stamens



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 5
   Stamen knots



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 437 Light Tan	**7**	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood	**13**	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve
2	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	**8**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	**14**	DMC 818 Baby Pink
3	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	**9**	DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood	**15**	DMC 3687 Mauve
4	DMC 3803 Dark Mauve	**10**	DMC 3364 Pine Green	**16**	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**11**	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green		
6	DMC 712 Cream	**12**	DMC 3689 Light Mauve		

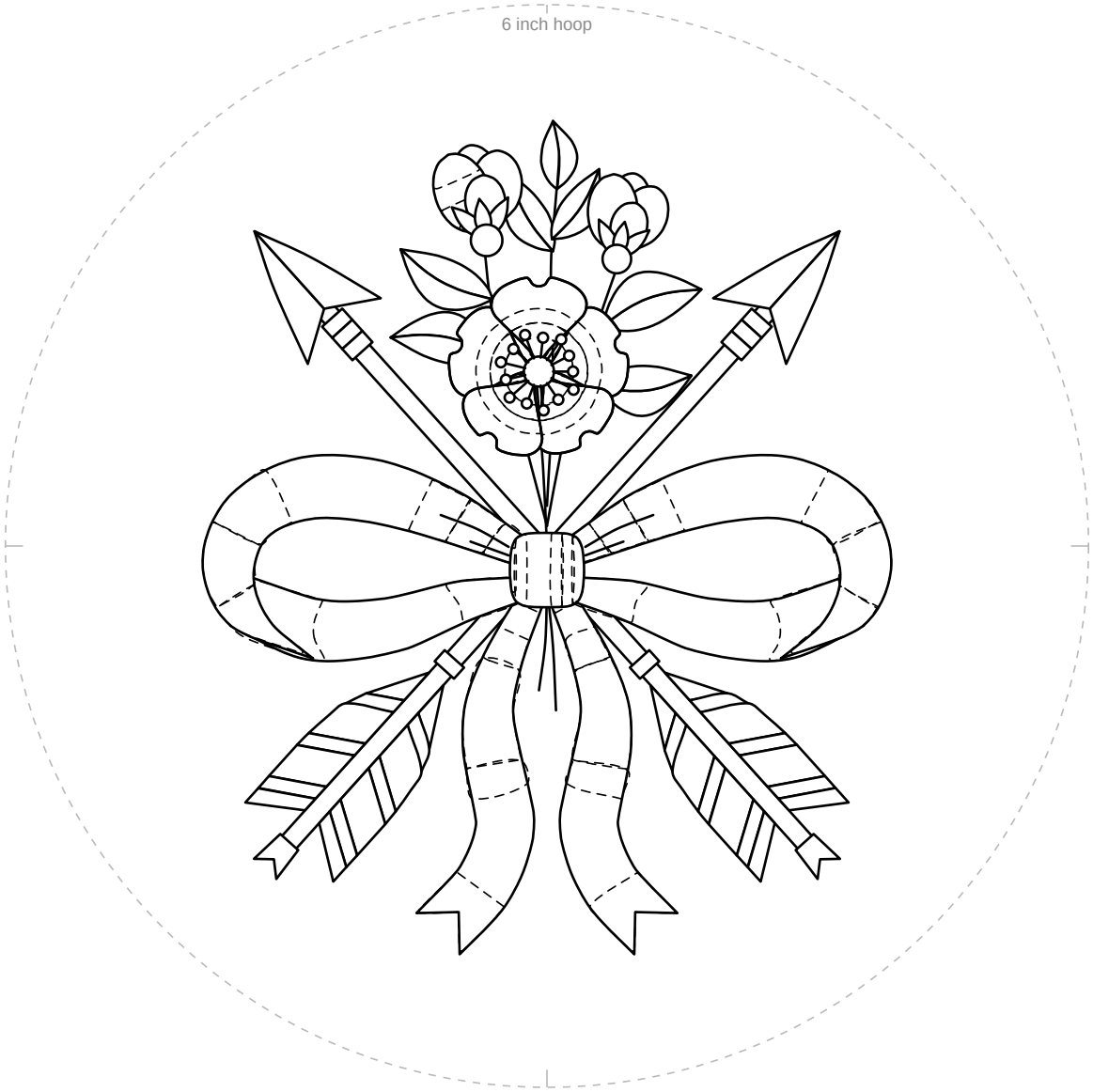
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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