Crossed keys

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.2 in (11.7 × 10.7 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.

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

13 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**, color 7
   6 strands: rose stem
   2 strands: leaf stalks

2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Silver shank, silver tip, silver ring head, silver collar, gold shank, gold tip, gold ring head, gold collar, bud, rose petals



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 4, 7, 11, 12, 13
   Silver bit, gold bit, sepals, turned petal edges, rose center



4. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 8, 9
   Leaves



5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, colors 3, 6
   Silver ring edge, gold ring edge (color 6)

6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, colors 2, 5
   Silver bit edge (color 2), gold bit edge (color 5)

7. **Straight stitch**, colors 3, 6, 7
   2 strands: silver bit edge (color 3), silver tip lines, silver collar lines, gold bit edge (color 6), gold tip lines, gold collar lines
   4 strands: thorns



8. **Couching**
   4 strands, colors 2, 3, 5, 6
   Silver tracery, gold ring edge (colors 5 and 6)



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 415 Pearl Gray	**6**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**11**	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	**7**	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	**12**	DMC 321 Red
3	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	**8**	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	**13**	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
4	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**9**	DMC 3835 Medium Grape		
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**10**	DMC 814 Dark Garnet		

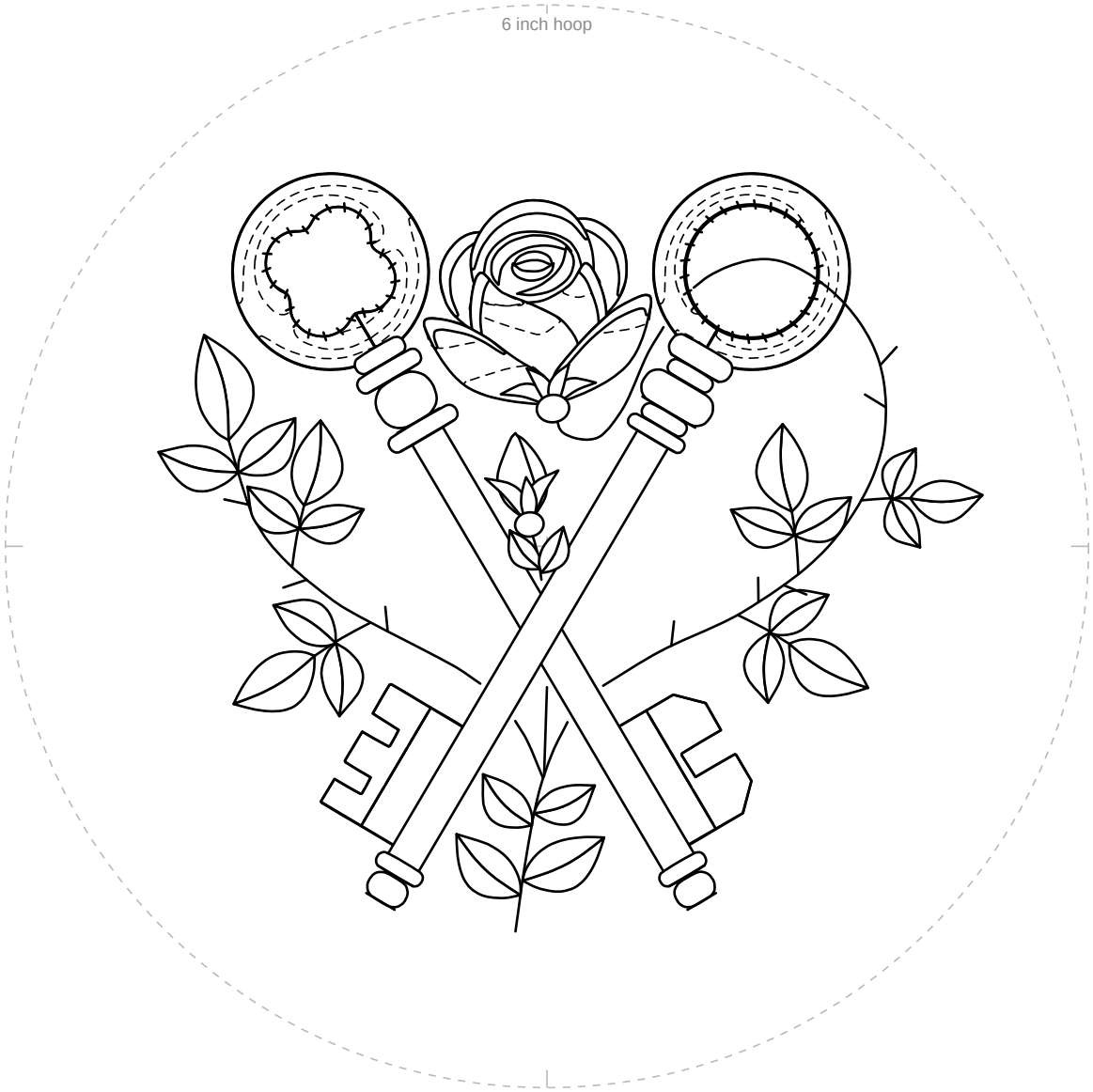
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a 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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