Dandelion clock

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.7 in (10.4 × 11.9 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

14 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. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 8
   Drifting seed threads

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4
   Leaves, stem



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 11, 12
   Heart, drifting seeds



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, colors 5, 6
   Leaf midribs

5. **Straight stitch**
   colors 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
   1 strand: stem blush, seed threads, far parasols, lines of the inner parasols, lines of the middle parasols, lines of the outer parasols, lines of the drifting parasols
   2 strands: seeds



6. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 8, 9, 12, 13, 14
   Knots of the inner parasols, knots of the middle parasols, knots of the outer parasols, heart knots, knots of the drifting parasols



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 3362 Dark Pine Green	**6**	DMC 3727 Light Antique Mauve	**11**	DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown
2	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	**7**	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	**12**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
3	DMC 3364 Pine Green	**8**	DMC 3072 Very Light Beaver Gray	**13**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
4	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	**9**	DMC BLANC White	**14**	DMC 712 Cream
5	DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve	**10**	DMC 167 Very Dark Yellow Beige		

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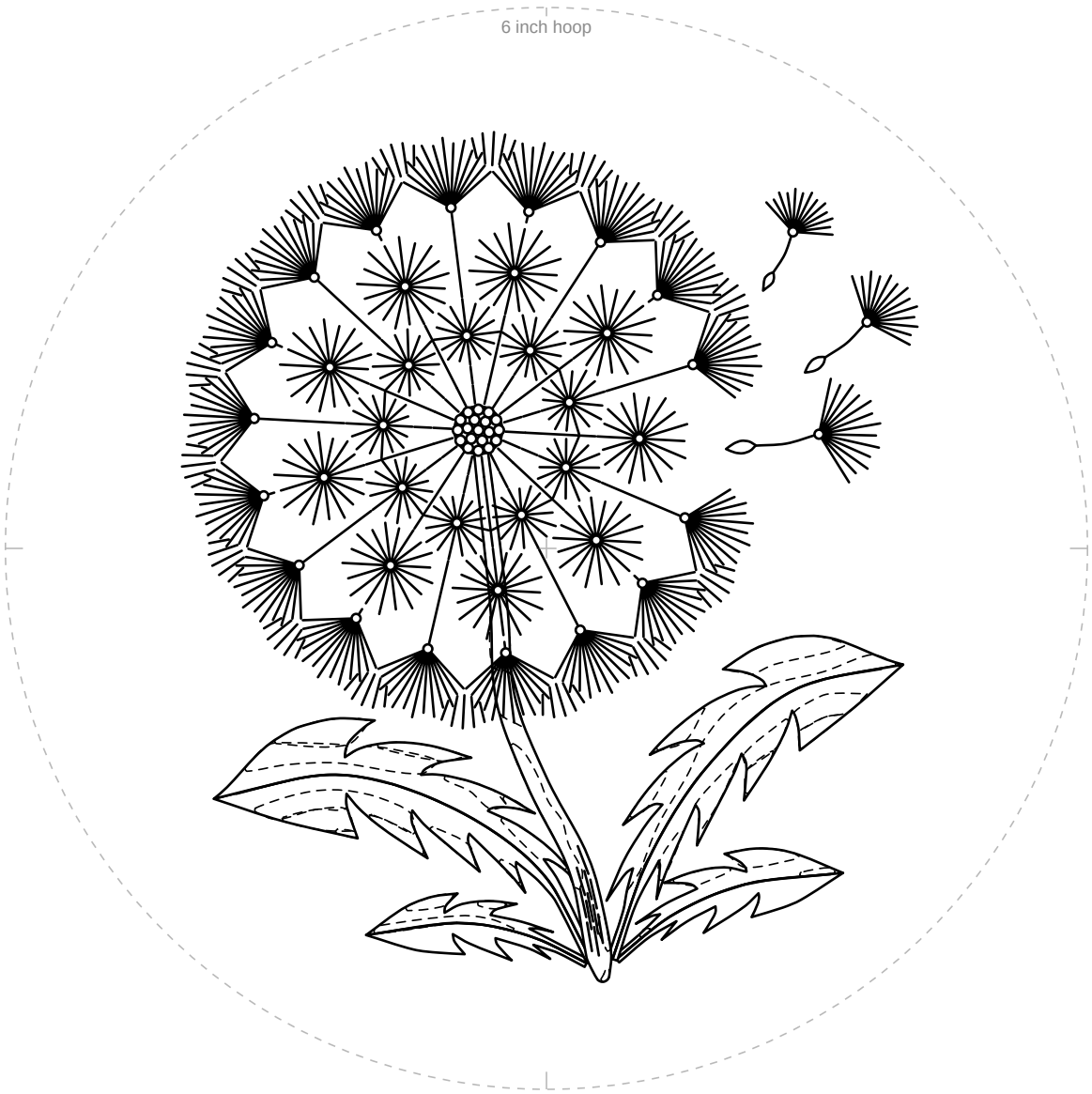
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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