Easy poppies in the Polish folk manner

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm).



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

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 701 Light Green**
  Leaves, cups and seed pods (darker), stems and leaf ribs
- **2 DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse**
  Leaves, buds, cups and seed pods (lighter)
- **3 DMC 304 Medium Red**
  Great poppy and cup poppies (dark)
- **4 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Great poppy and cup poppies (middle), bow and buds (darker)
- **5 DMC 3340 Medium Apricot**
  Cup poppies and great poppy (light), bow (lighter)
- **6 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Wheat, poppy knots and wheat stems
- **7 DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Cornflowers

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, buds
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cup poppies, cups, cornflowers, buds, great poppy, seed pods, bow
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stems, leaf ribs, wheat stems
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Cornflowers, wheat, seed pods
5. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Wheat
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Poppy knots

What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in black. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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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How many strands

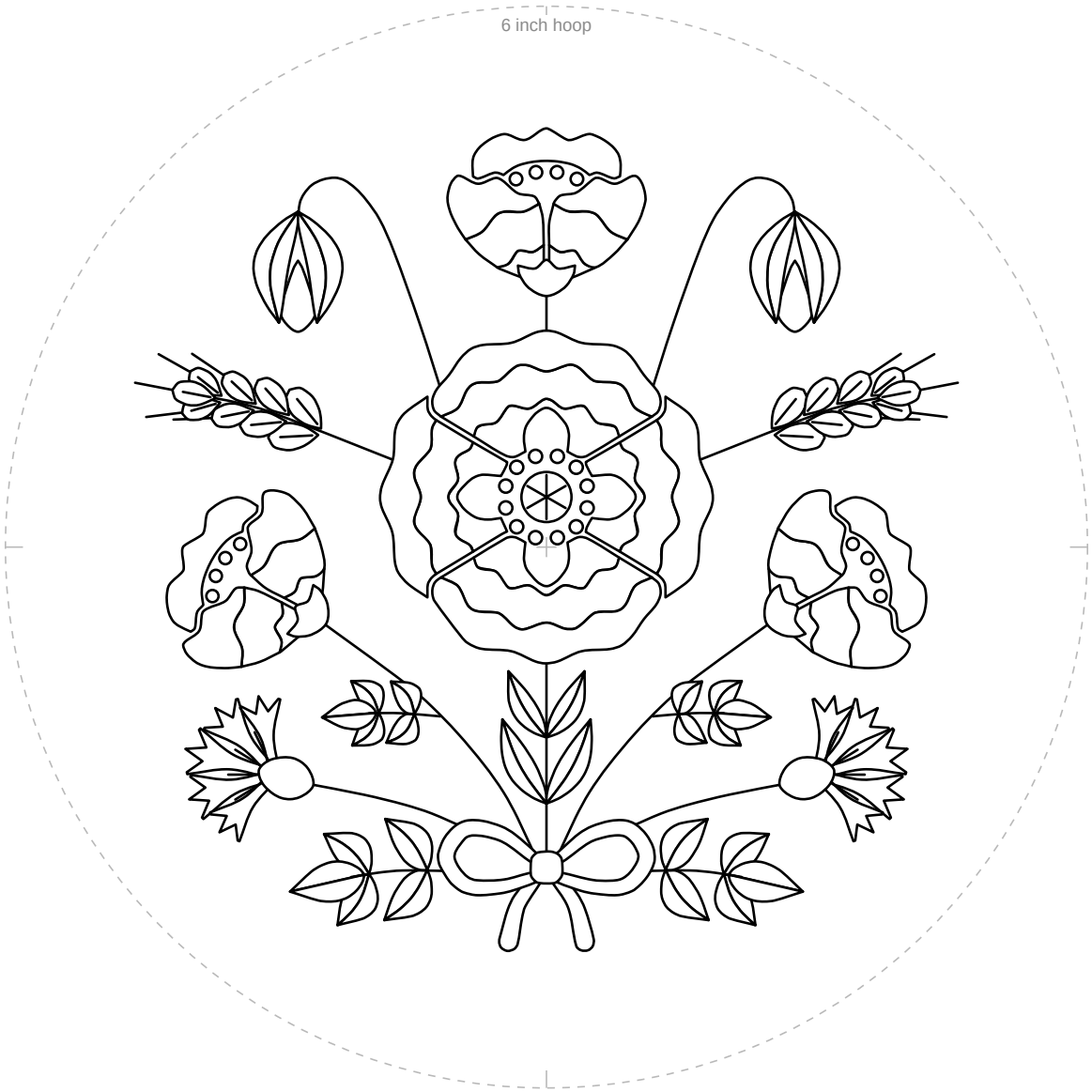
Stem stitch. 2 or 3 strands: stems; 2 strands: leaf ribs, wheat stems.
Straight stitch. 1 or 3 strands: wheat; 2 strands: cornflowers; 1 strand: seed pods.

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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

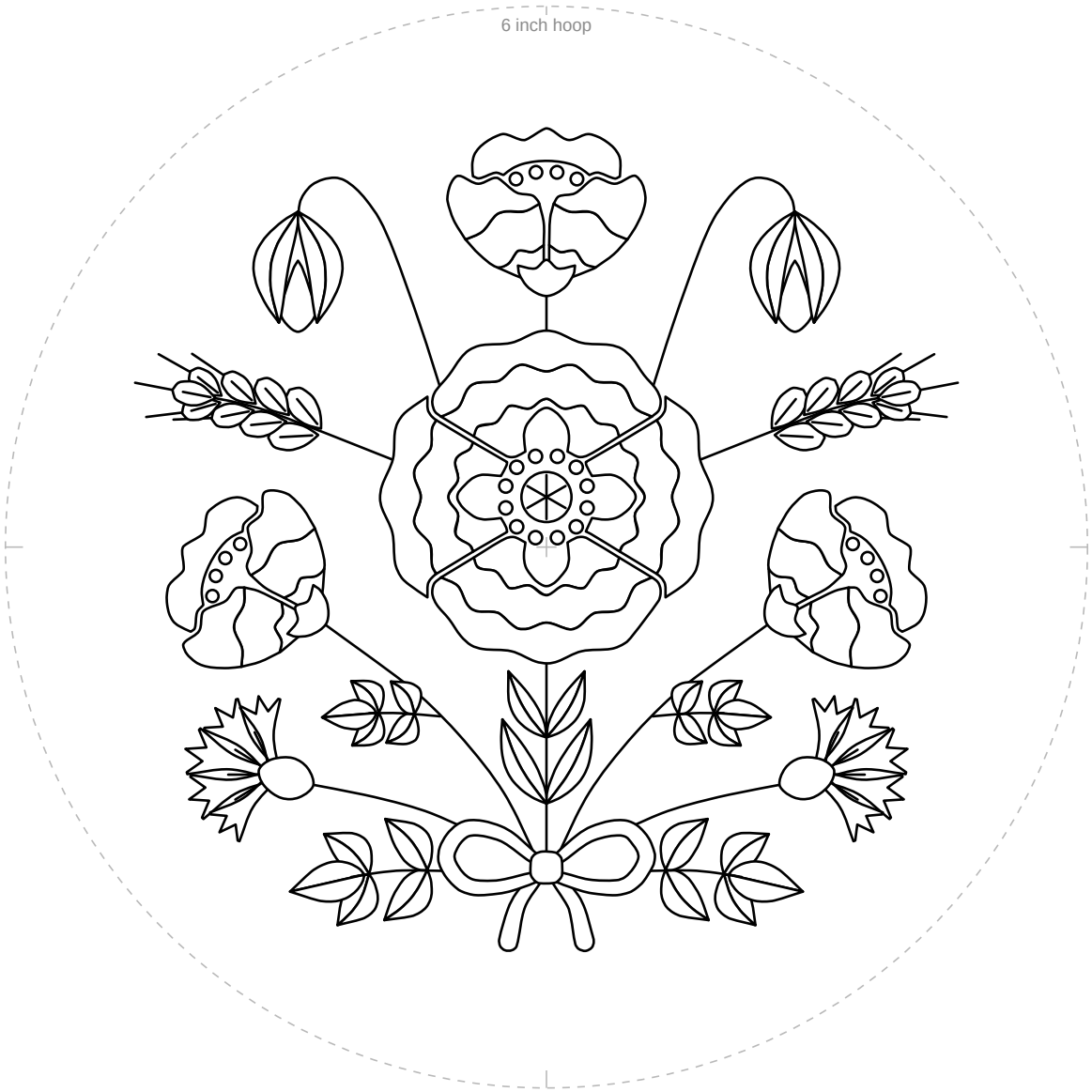
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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