Easy rose for a card

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4.4 in (9.9 × 11.2 cm).



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

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

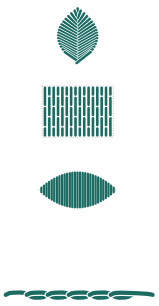
Floss

- **1 DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green**
  Leaves, stems and sepals (darker), leaf stalks
- **2 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green**
  Leaves, sepals and stems (lighter), calyx
- **3 DMC 777 Very Dark Raspberry**
  Petals (darkest), rose heart
- **4 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Petals (dark)
- **5 DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose**
  Petals (middle), heart curl
- **6 DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose**
  Petals (light), rolled lips (darker)
- **7 DMC 818 Baby Pink**
  Petals (lightest), rolled lips (lighter)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, sepals
2. **Brick stitch**, 2 strands
   Petals, rose heart
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rolled lips, calyx
4. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Stems, leaf stalks, heart curl



What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in sage green. Embroidery needle: size 7 for 2 or 3 strands, size 3 for 4 or 5 (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

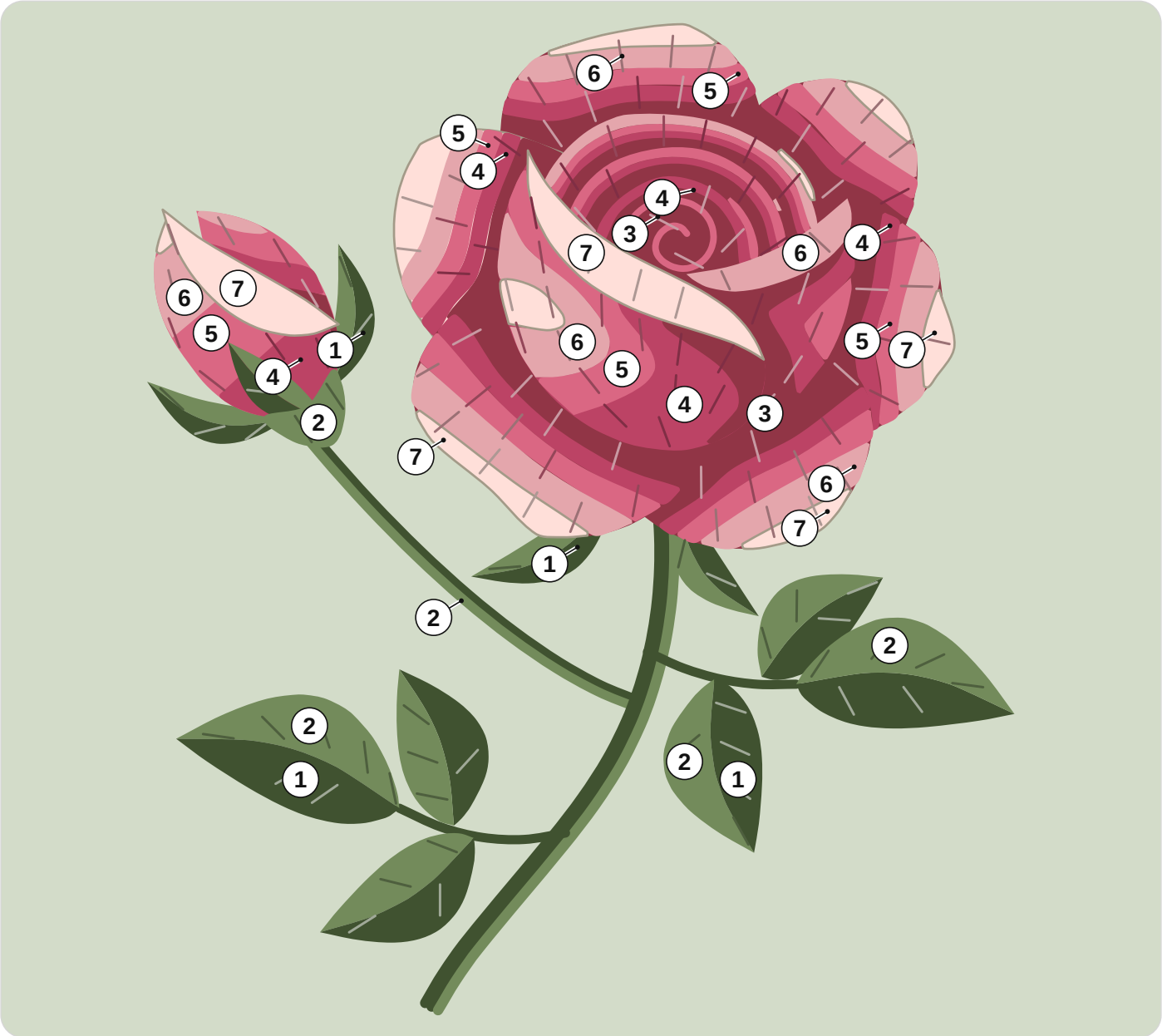
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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.

A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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. 4 or 5 strands: stems; 4 strands: leaf stalks; 2 strands: heart curl.

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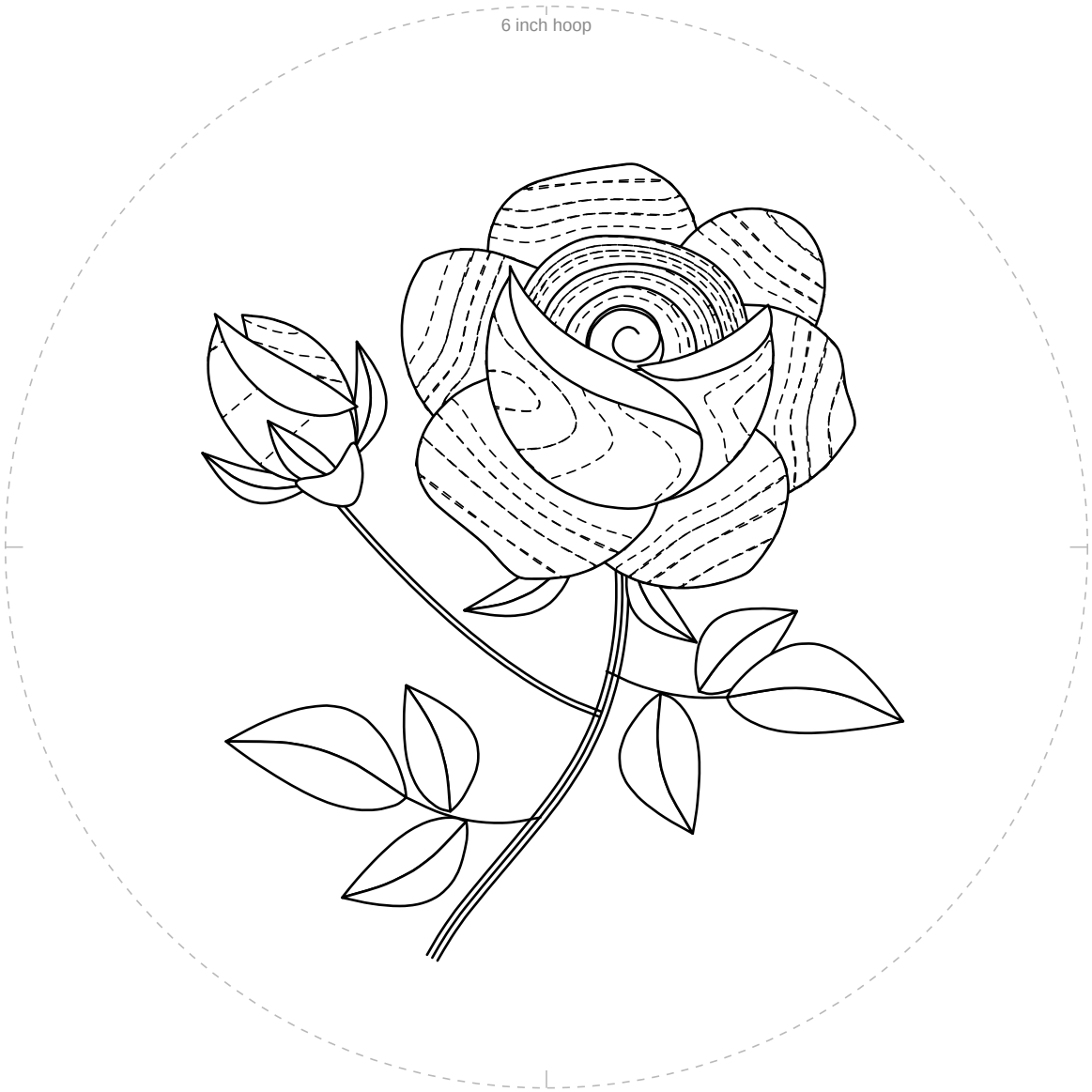

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Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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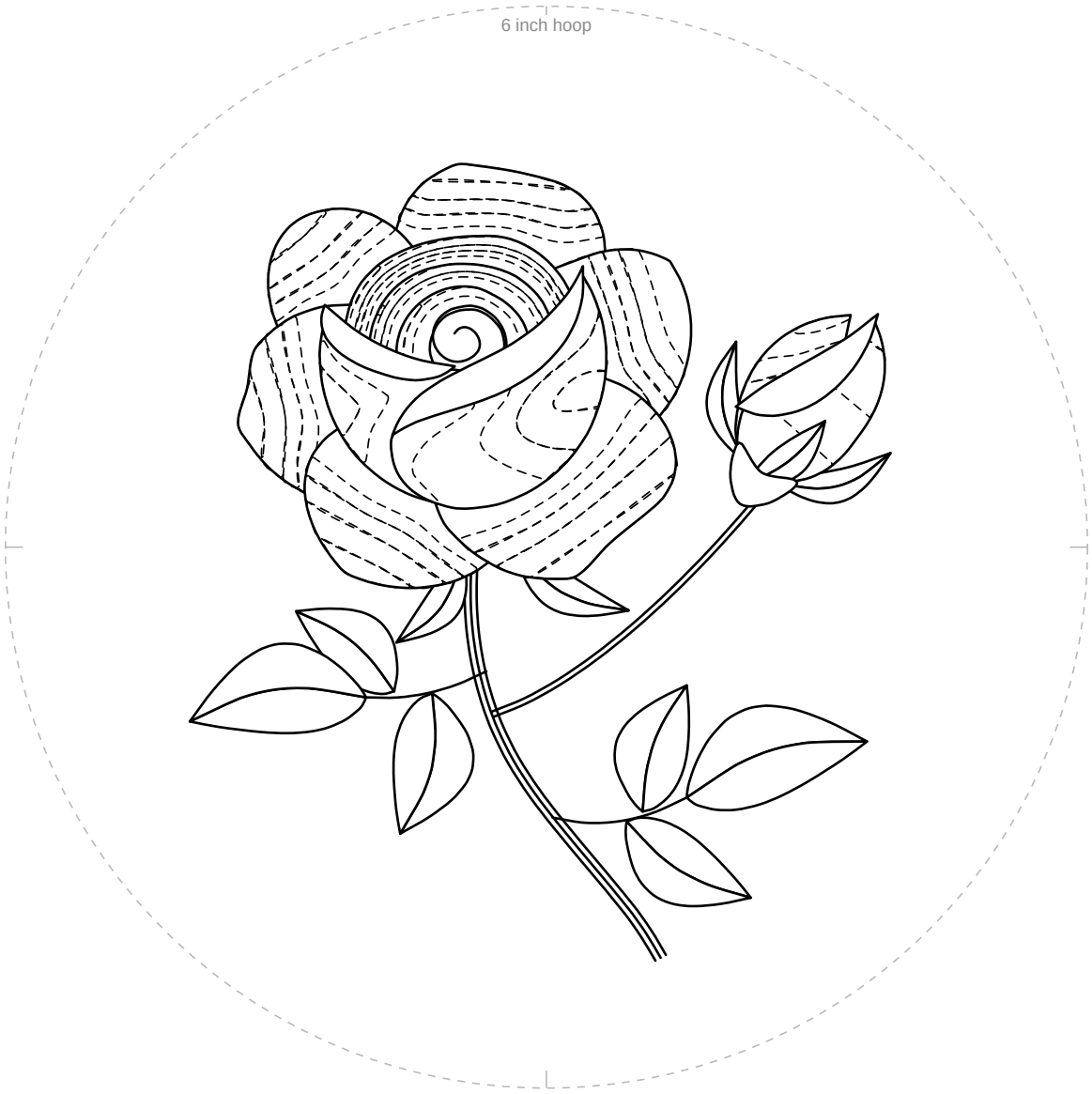
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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