Flat fairytale pumpkin

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 3.4 in (11.9 × 8.6 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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**, 3 strands
   Tendril

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf, lobes



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stem



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf veins, edges of the stem end, snail shell line

5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the snail horns, snail light



6. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stem, stem end, snail, snail shell



7. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: knots of the stem end
   1 strand: knots of the snail horns



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 3013 Light Khaki Green	**9**	DMC 3774 Very Light Desert Sand	**17**	DMC 611 Drab Brown
2	DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green	**10**	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood	**18**	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray
3	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	**11**	DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige	**19**	DMC 612 Light Drab Brown
4	DMC 3364 Pine Green	**12**	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand	**20**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	**13**	DMC 3866 Ultra Very Light Mocha	**21**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
6	DMC 535 Very Light Ash Gray	**14**	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta	**22**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
7	DMC 3022 Medium Brown Gray	**15**	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta		
8	DMC 522 Fern Green	**16**	DMC 613 Very Light Drab Brown		

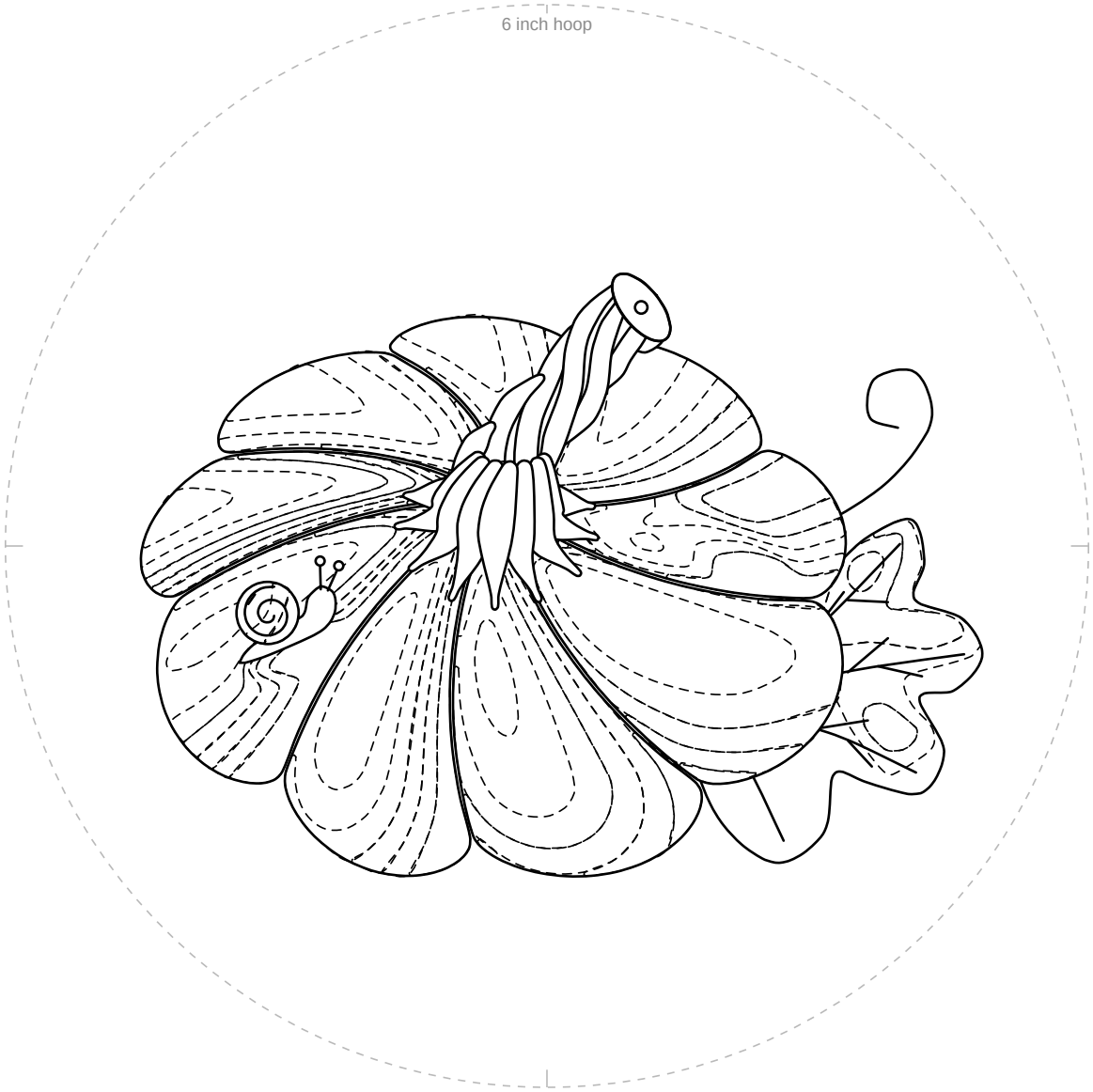
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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