February birth flower: violet

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.1 × 4.7 in (7.9 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Border lozenges, bracts, crown, spur, throat
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bud petals, leaves, leaf backs, furled leaf, petals
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Sepals
4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Oval border
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Roots, bud stem, flower stem, leaf stalks, leaf veins, honey lines
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bud petal edges, leaf edges, leaf veins, petal edges
7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Beard
8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Border leaves
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Border knots

Floss

- **1 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Leaves and furled leaf (light), oval border, leaf backs (darker) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Border knots and border lozenges, throat (dark)
- **3 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Leaves and furled leaf (dark), flower stem, bud stem and border leaves and 4 more parts
- **4 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Roots
- **5 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Petals and bud petals (middle), spur
- **6 DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet**
  Petals and bud petals (dark), petal edges, honey lines and bud petal edges
- **7 DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet**
  Petals and bud petals (light)
- **8 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Leaves and furled leaf (darkest), leaf edges, crown and sepals (darker)
- **9 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Leaves and furled leaf (lightest), leaf veins, leaf backs (lighter), throat (middle)
- **10 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Beard
- **11 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Throat (light)

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.

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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 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.



1	DMC 522 Fern Green	**5**	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	**9**	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
2	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**6**	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	**10**	DMC 3865 Winter White
3	DMC 3364 Pine Green	**7**	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	**11**	DMC 743 Medium Yellow
4	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**8**	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green		

How many strands

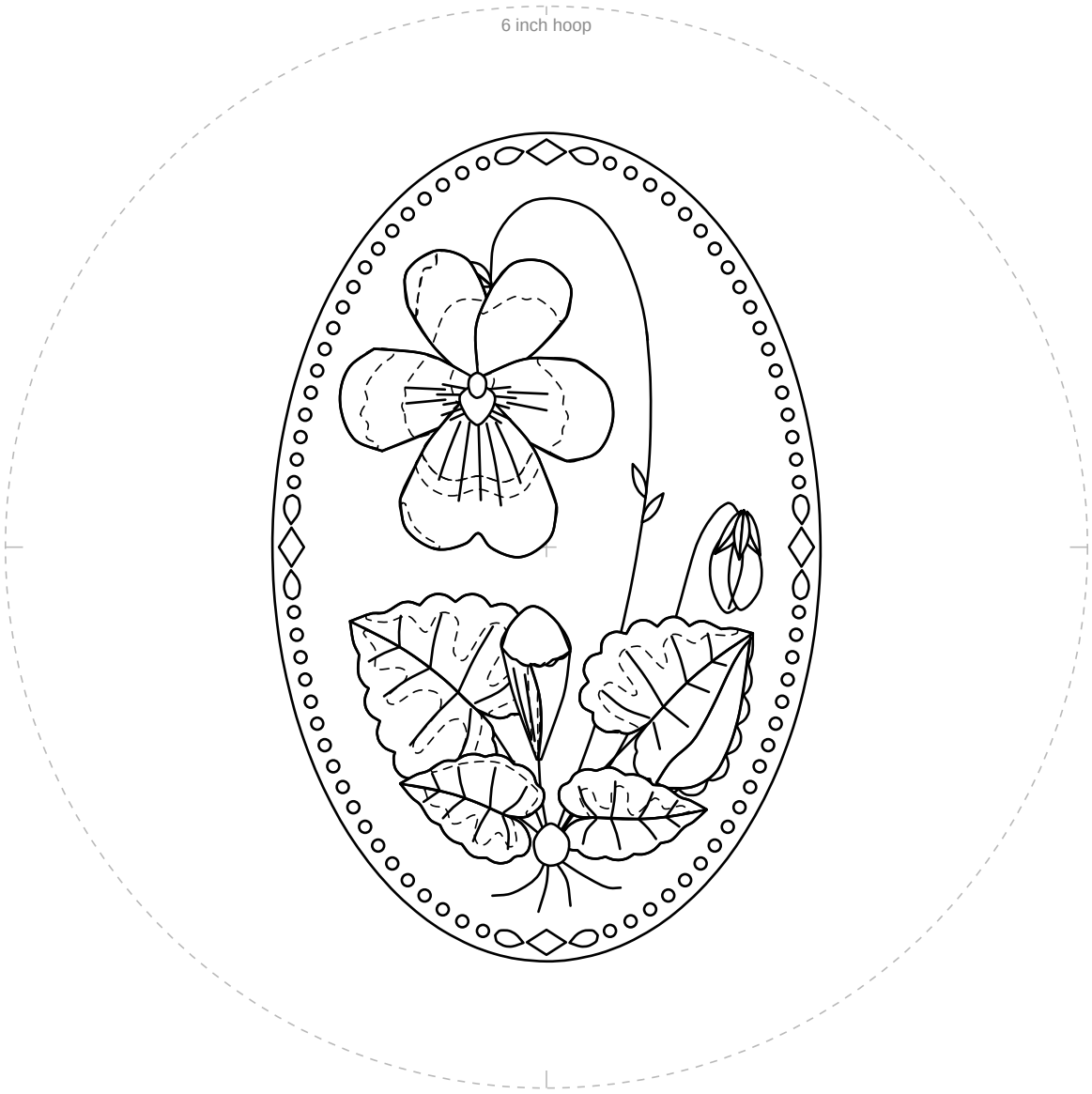
Stem stitch. 2 or 4 strands: flower stem; 3 strands: leaf stalks; 2 strands: bud stem, leaf veins; 1 strand: roots, honey lines.

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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

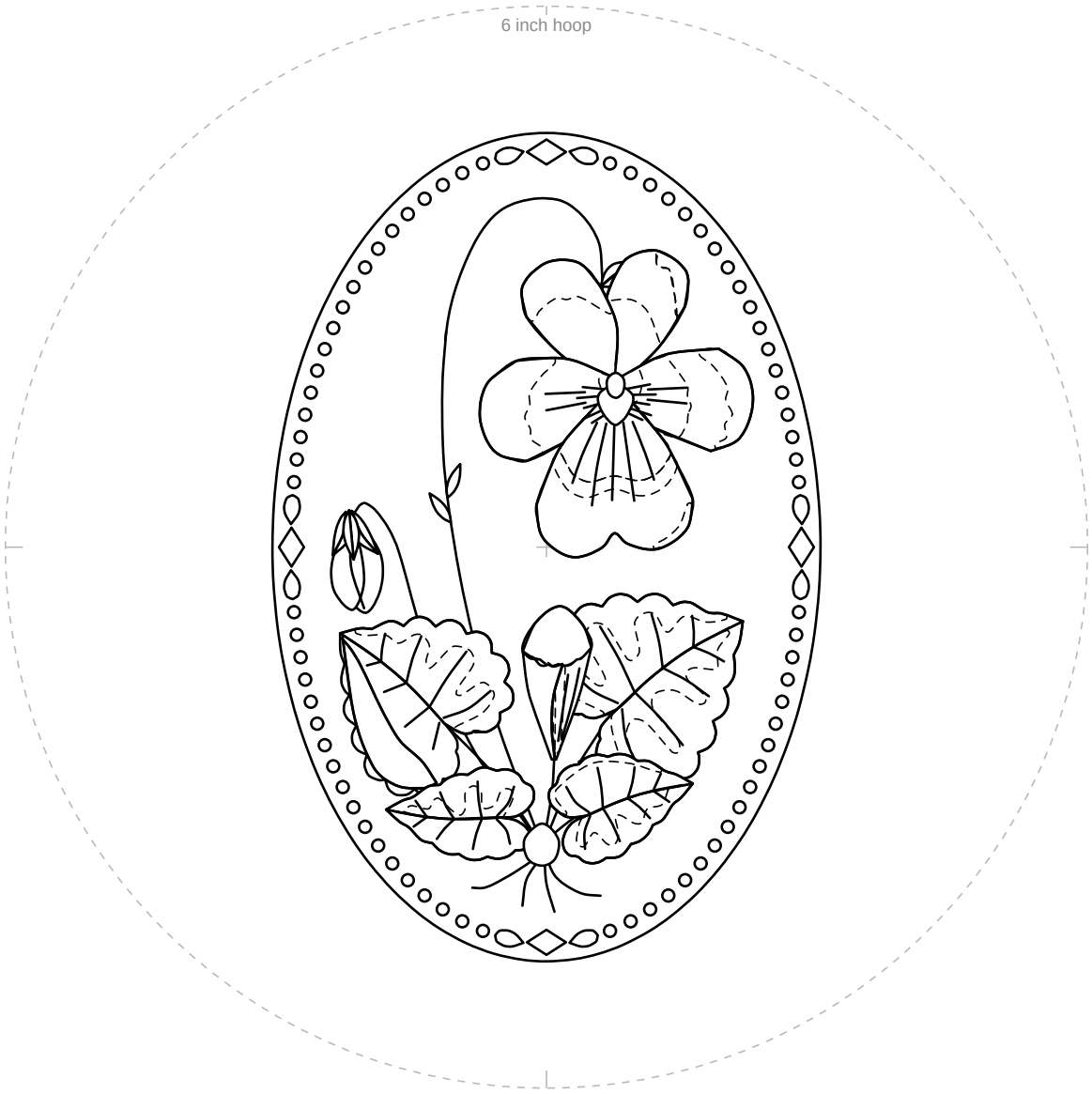
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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