First bluebells in a ring

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4 in (10.2 × 10.2 cm)

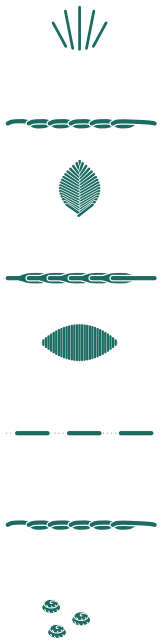


Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the stamens
2. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Stalks
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Bells
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Caps
6. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Ring
7. **Stem stitch**
   5 strands: stems
   1 strand: bell edges
8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the stamens



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 3363 Medium Pine Green
2 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
3 DMC 3822 Light Straw
4 DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue
5 DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue
6 DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue
7 DMC 794 Light Cornflower Blue

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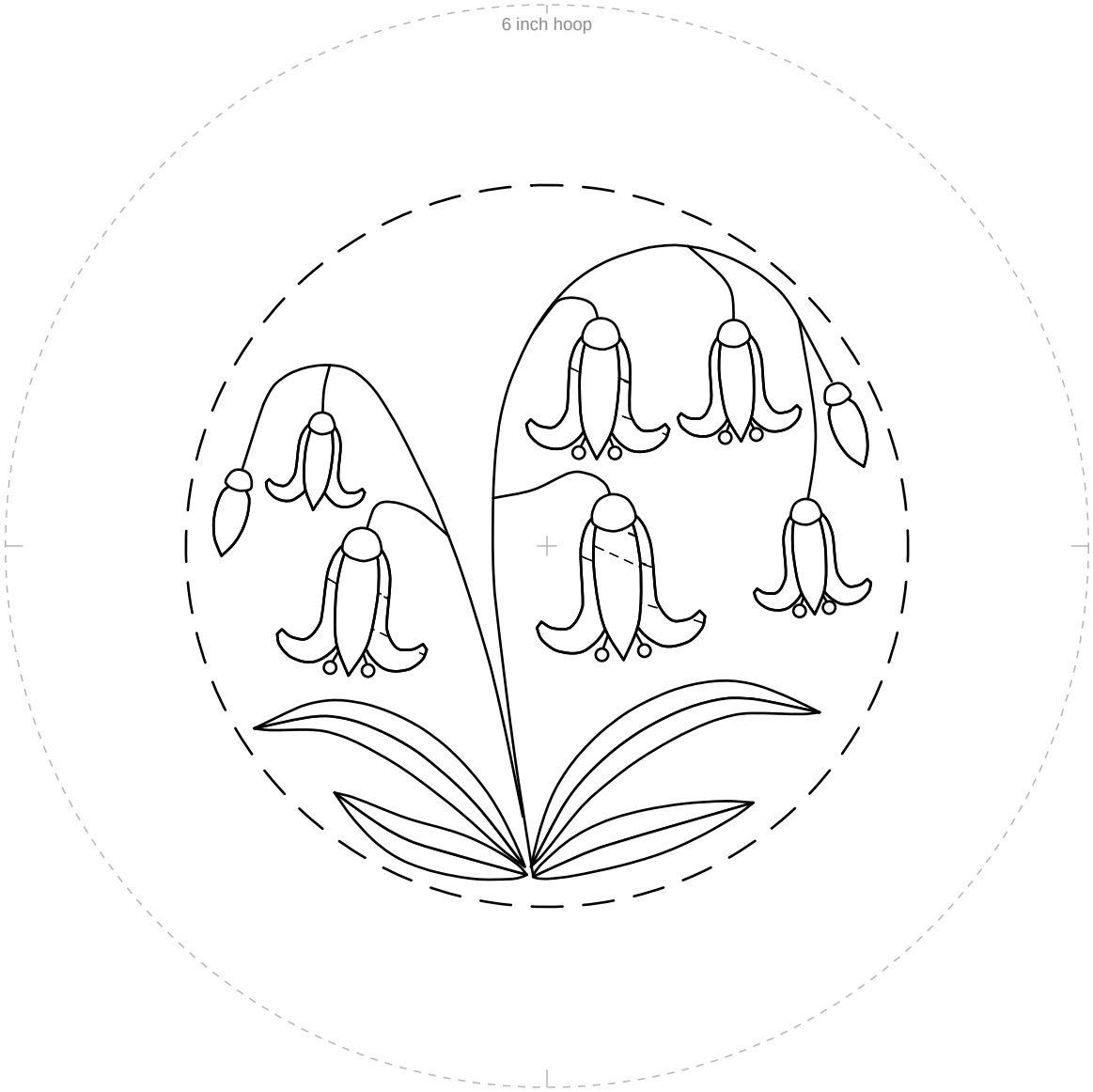
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is running stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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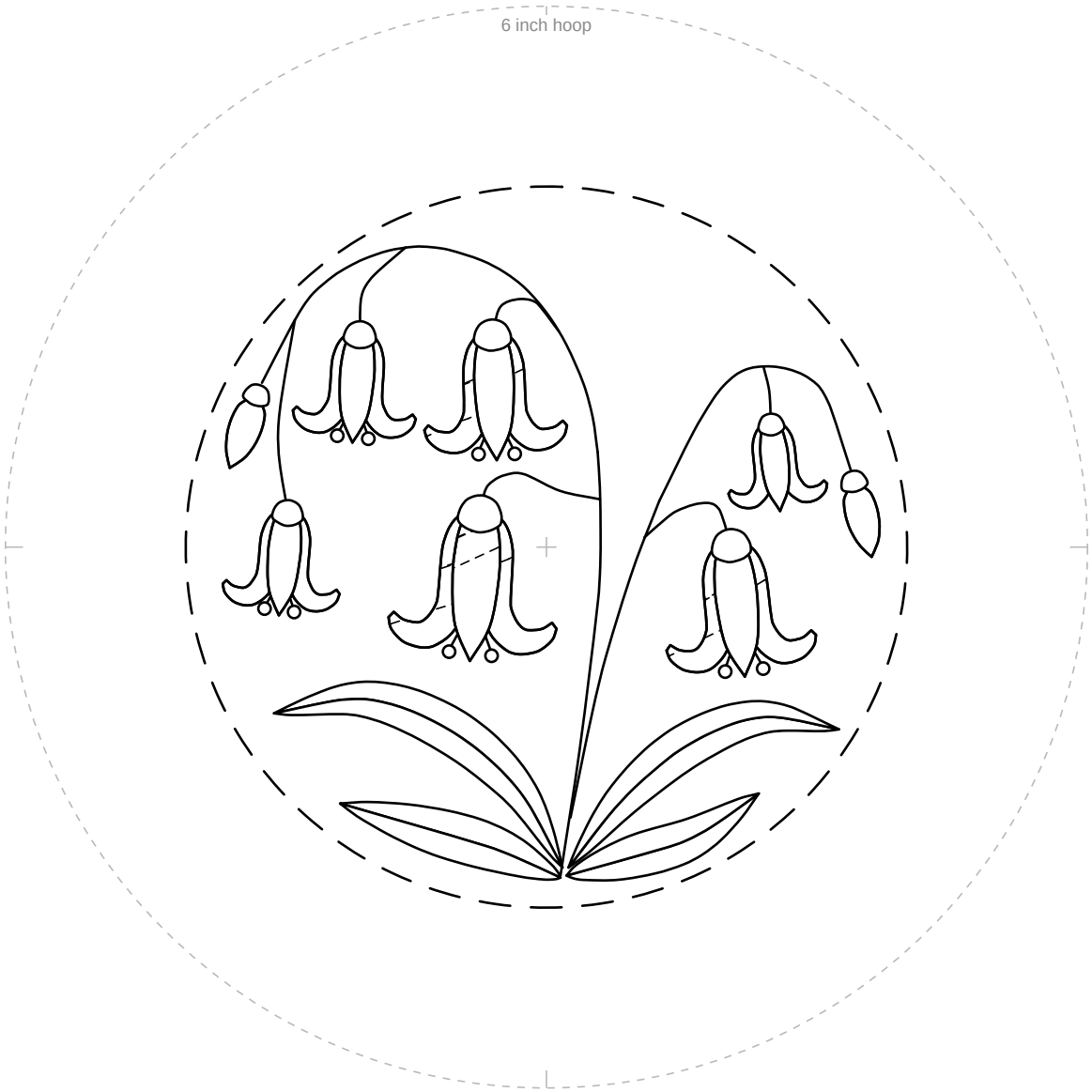
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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