Flower bulb specimens

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Roots

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Root plates, flower stem, spike shadow, hyacinth buds, hyacinth florets, papery skin, trumpet frill, spathe



4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Pale flesh, hyacinth bulb, daffodil petals, trumpet, trumpet throat, daughter bulbs, daffodil bulb, tulip, tulip bulb



5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud tips



6. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the leaves, skin edges

7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, trumpet edges, tulip edges

8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Floret throats, stamens



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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: 23 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, 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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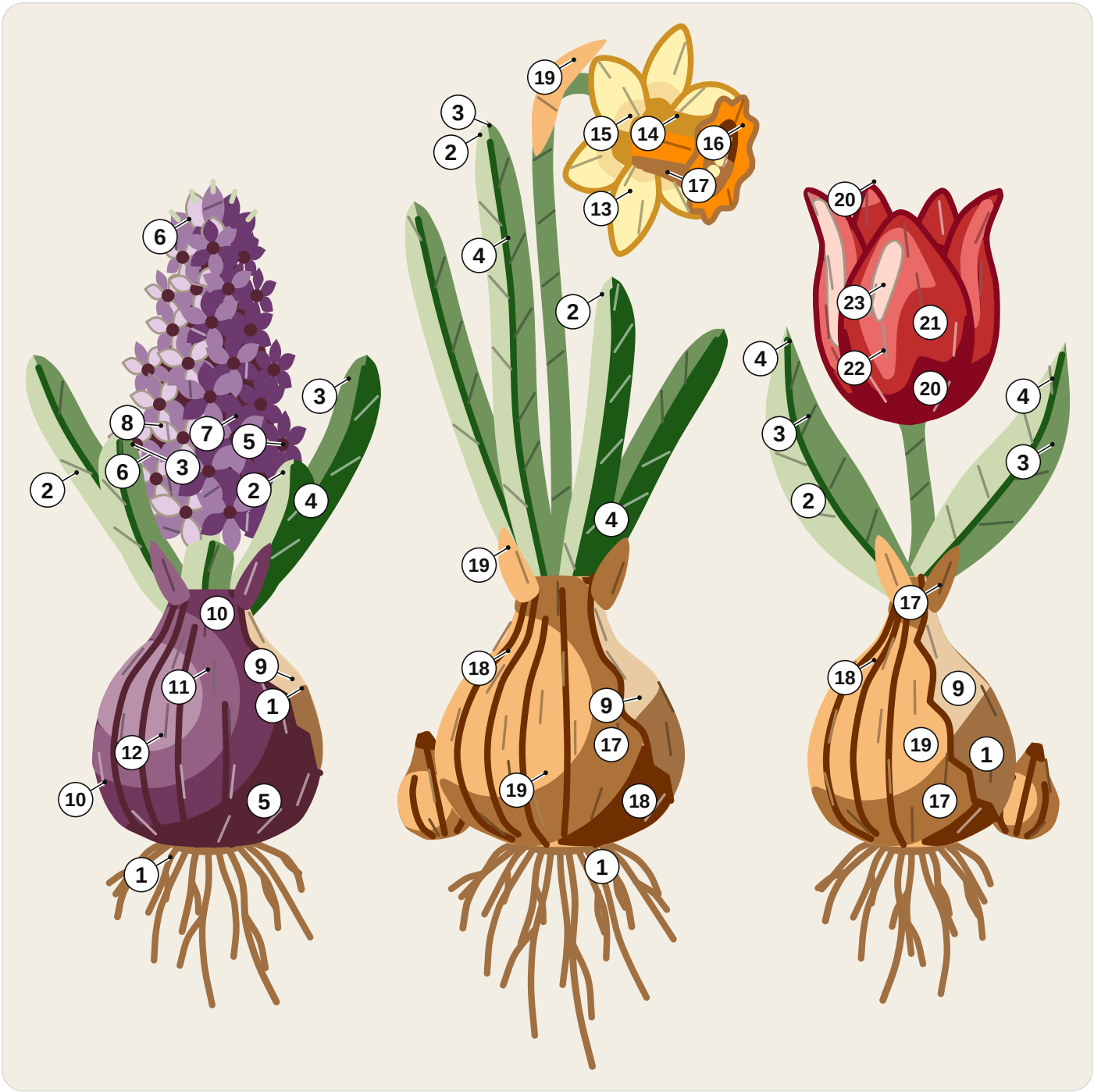
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 420 Dark Hazelnut Brown	**9**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**17**	DMC 3826 Golden Brown
2	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	**10**	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	**18**	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
3	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**11**	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	**19**	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown
4	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**12**	DMC 3836 Light Grape	**20**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
5	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	**13**	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	**21**	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
6	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	**14**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**22**	DMC 351 Coral
7	DMC 3837 Ultra Dark Lavender	**15**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**23**	DMC 353 Peach
8	DMC 211 Light Lavender	**16**	DMC 740 Tangerine		

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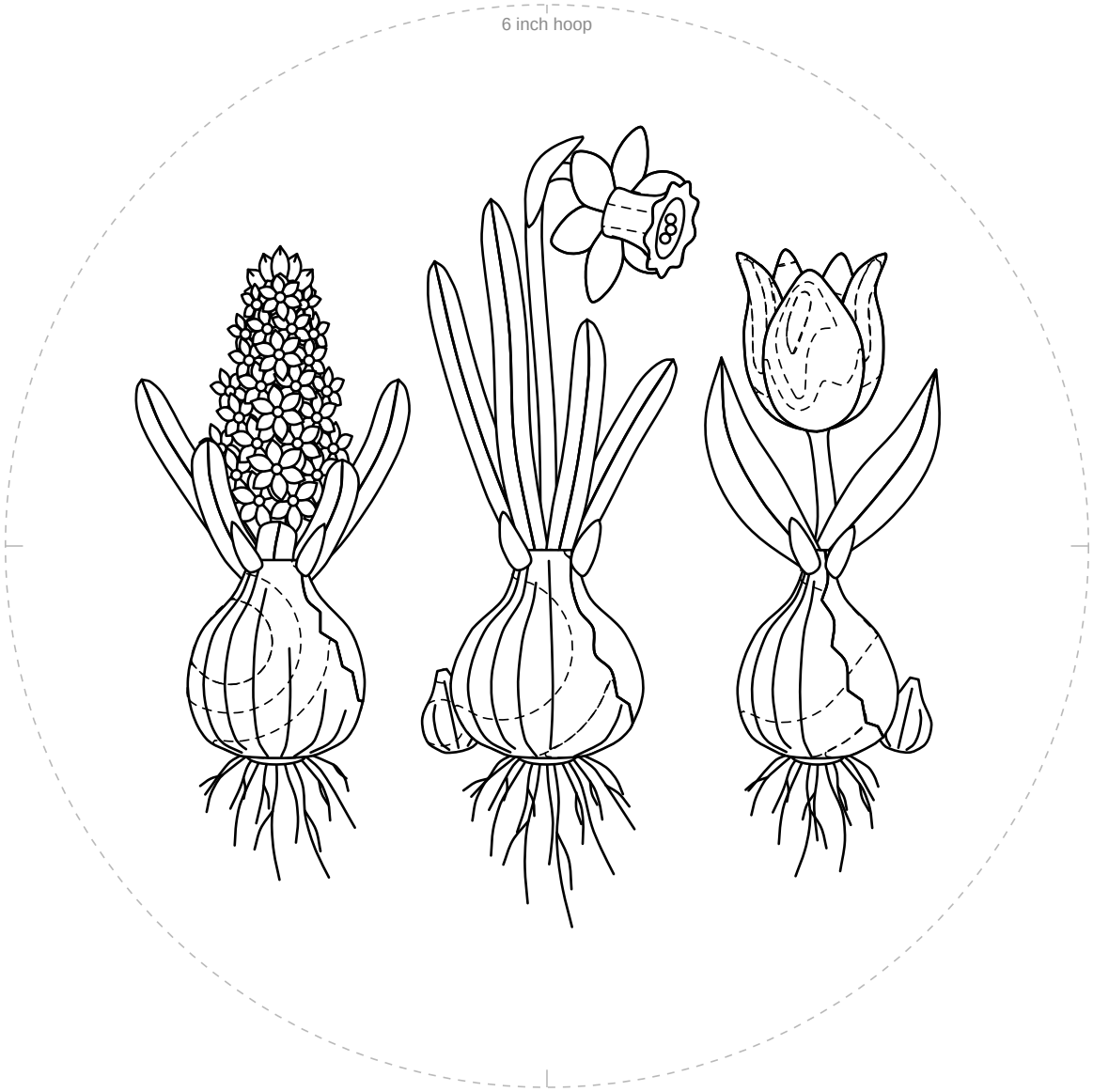
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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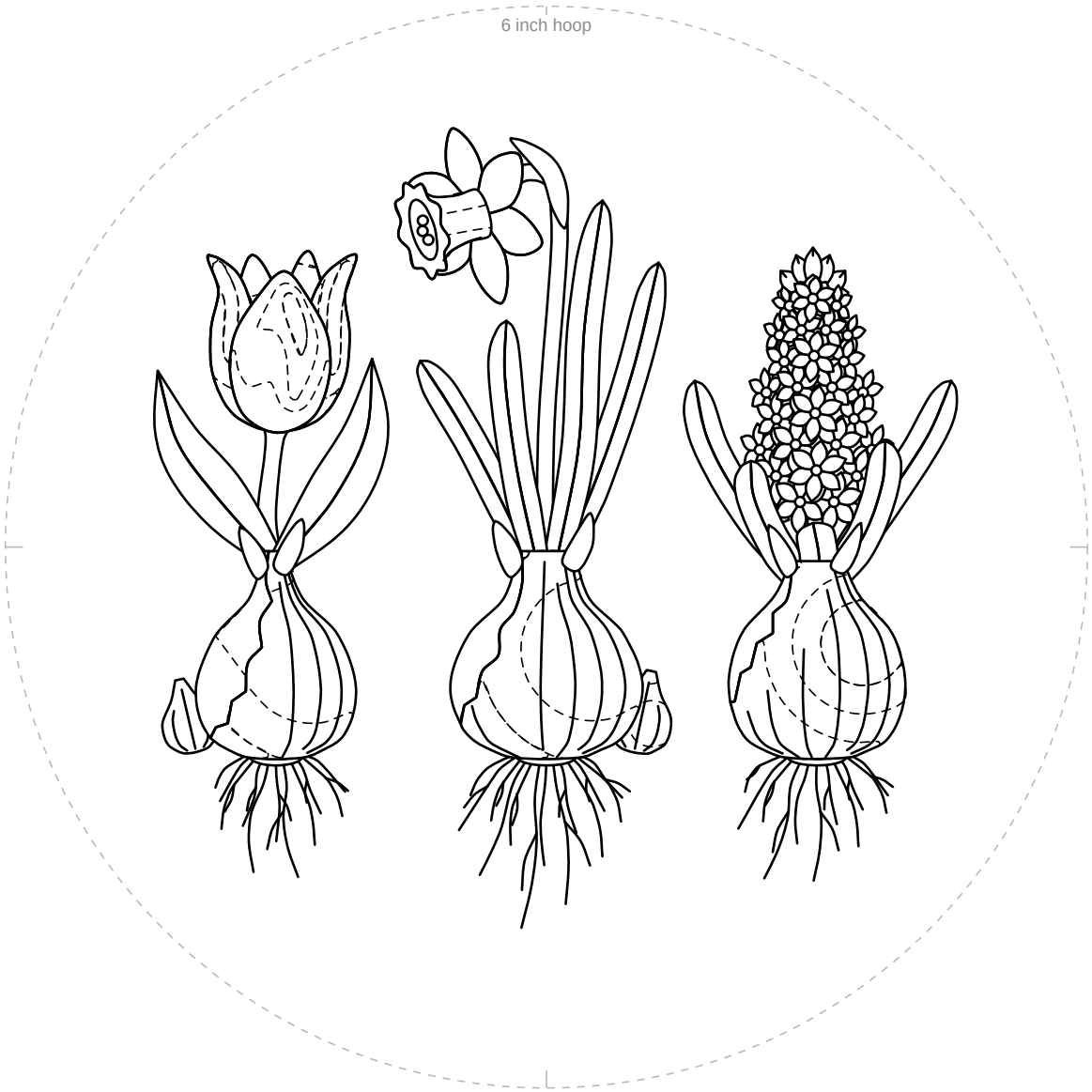
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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