Bell filled with flowers

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.8 in (10.2 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

16 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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**
   4 strands: acorn stalk, tendrils
   2 strands: branches

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Acorn, acanthus lobes, scroll leaf lobes, pomegranate, tree stem, rose petals



3. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis leaf, rim trellis



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bell outline, berries, pomegranate crown, pomegranate lining, seed ground, hillocks, rim bands, rose center, buds



5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Fishbone leaves, green cup



6. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Acanthus vein, scroll leaf vein



7. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: acorn edge, acanthus edge, berry edge, scroll leaf edge, bud edge
   2 strands: trellis leaf edge, pomegranate edge, hillock edge, rose edge

8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Stem edge, rose veins

9. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: acorn cup, seeds, stamen knots, rose heart knots
    1 strand: knots of the rim trellis



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 934 Black Avocado Green	**7**	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	**13**	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink
2	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	**8**	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	**14**	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
3	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**9**	DMC 3053 Green Gray	**15**	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
4	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	**10**	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	**16**	DMC 712 Cream
5	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	**11**	DMC 221 Very Dark Shell Pink		
6	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	**12**	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink		

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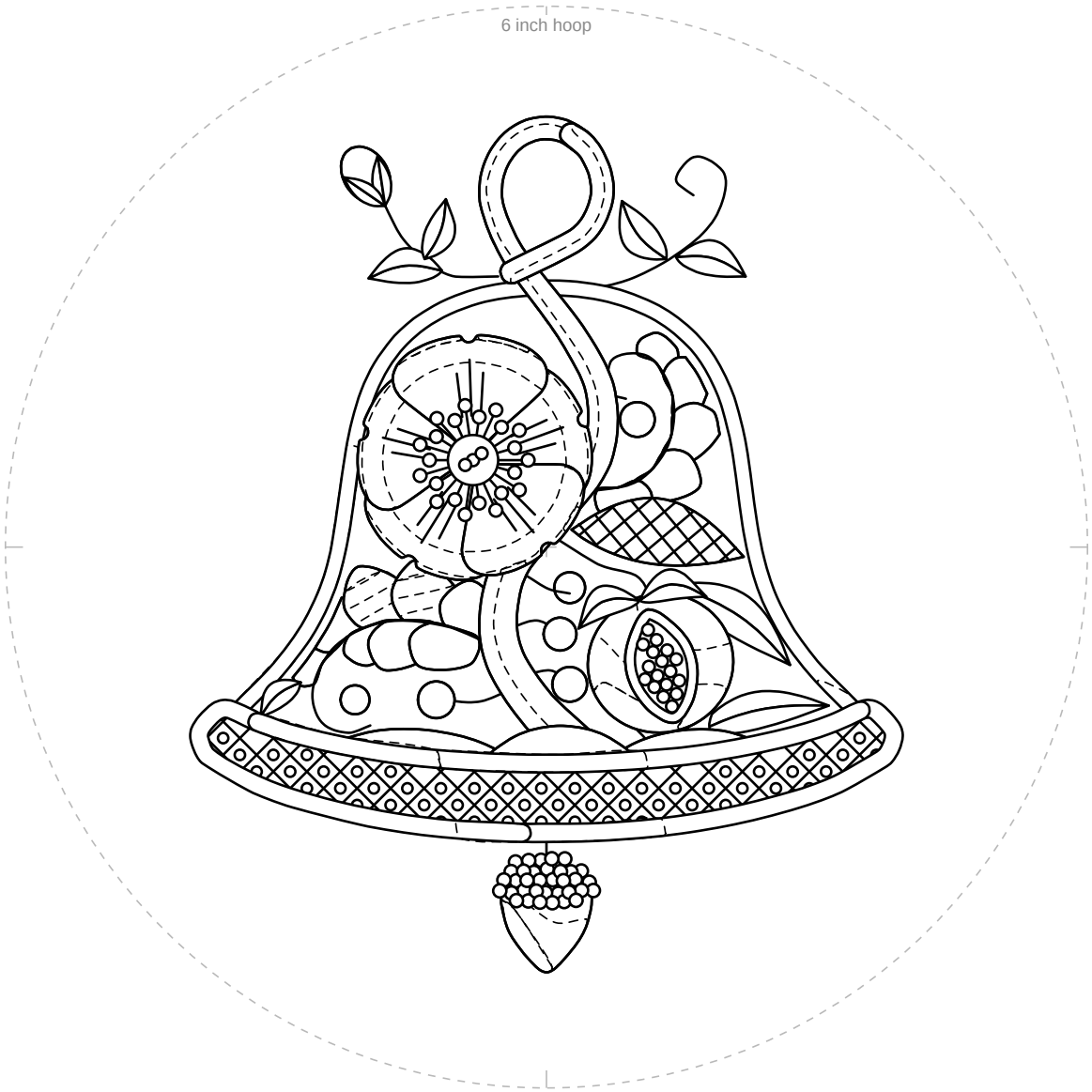
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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