Flower filled butterfly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.1 in (11.4 × 10.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

24 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**, 3 strands
   Lines of the fern croziers

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



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Primrose petals, rose petals, foxglove bells, pansy petals, body, fuzzy thorax, head



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Fern fronds, forget-me-nots, foxglove buds, foxglove cups, foxglove lips, foxglove throats, eyes, fern croziers



5. **Woven wheel stitch**, 4 strands
   Woven roses

6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: lavender stems, lines of the fern fronds
   3 strands: foxglove stems

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the daisies, pansy faces, eye highlights
   2 strands: body bands



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Loops of the daisies



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: knots of the forget-me-nots, primrose centers, daisy centers, pansy centers
   1 strand: forget-me-not centers



10. **Bullion knot**
    4 strands: lavender
    3 strands: bullion roses



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 3348 Light Yellow Green	9	DMC 794 Light Cornflower Blue	17	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	10	DMC 3822 Light Straw	18	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve
3	DMC 502 Blue Green	11	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue	19	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
4	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	12	DMC 3687 Mauve	20	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
5	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	13	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	21	DMC 3371 Black Brown
6	DMC 3836 Light Grape	14	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	22	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
7	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	15	DMC 3865 Winter White	23	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
8	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	16	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	24	DMC 435 Very Light Brown

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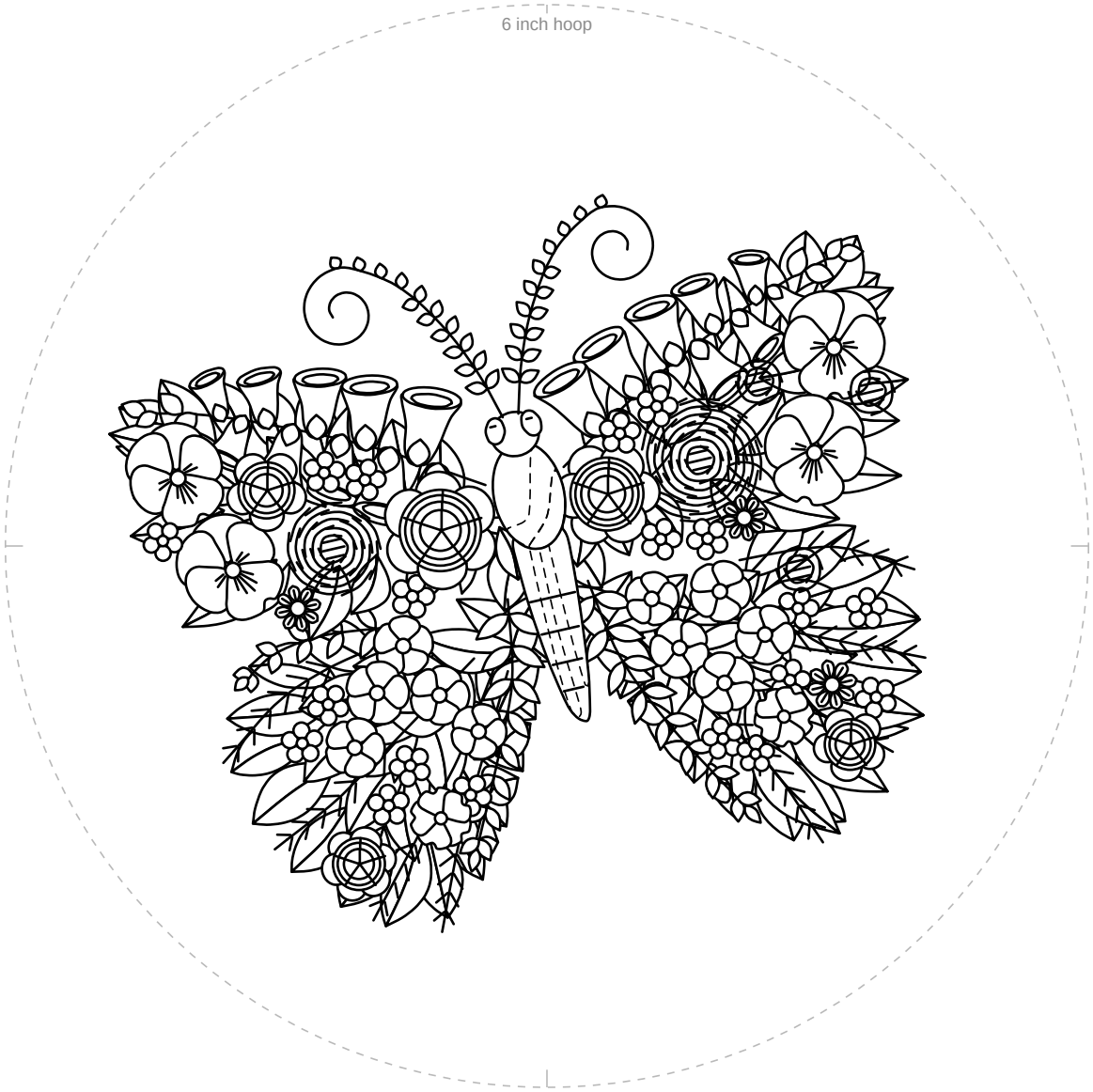
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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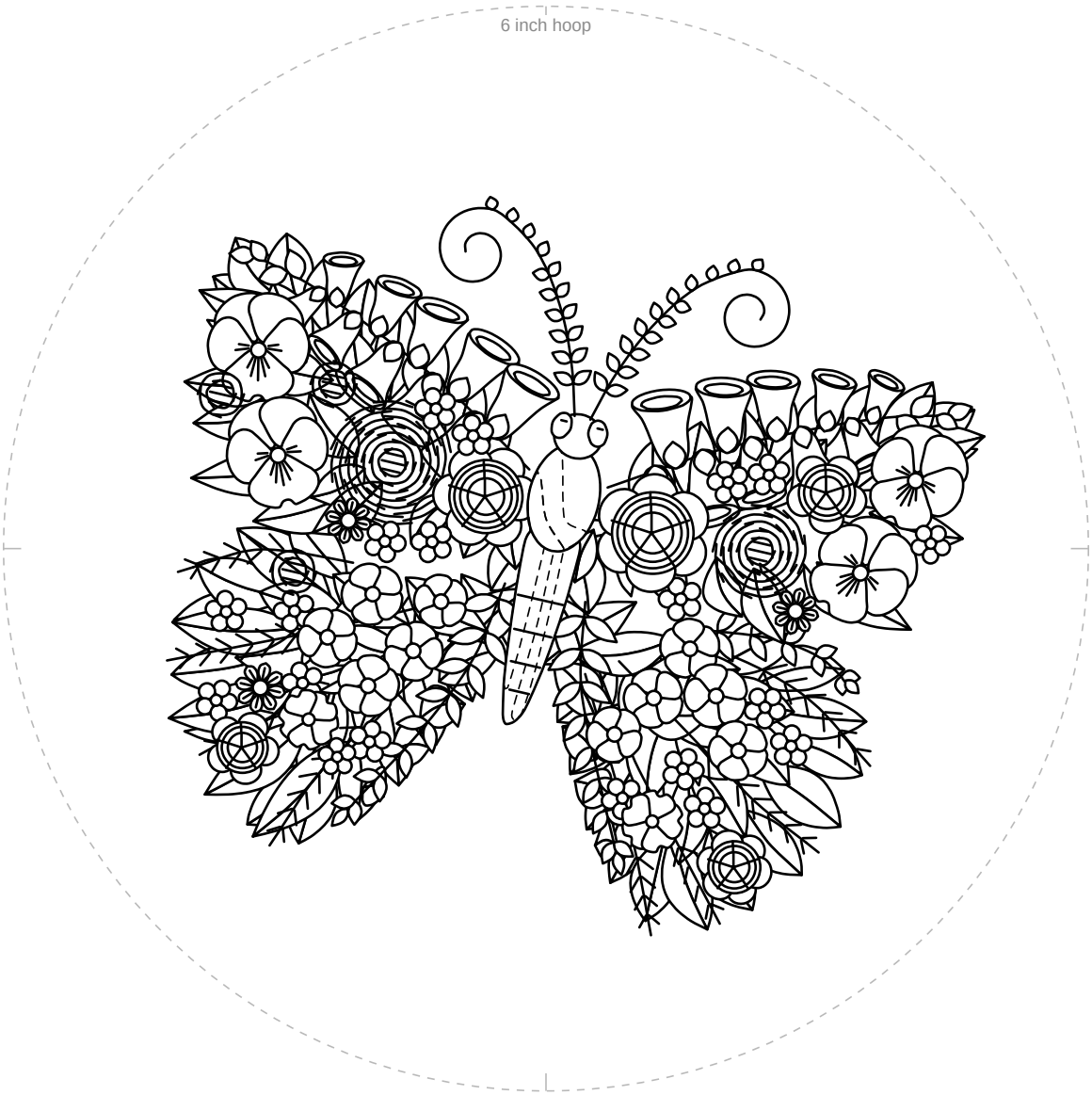
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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