Flower filled Christmas ornament

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.7 in (10.2 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: charcoal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

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

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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**
   2 strands: fern stems, eucalyptus stems
   3 strands: bud stem
   4 strands: rose stem
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Fern leaves, eucalyptus leaves, bud sepals, glass rim, glass highlights, velvet loop, cap band, rosebud, rosebud sepals
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Woven wheel stitch**, 4 strands
   Blush roses, burgundy roses
5. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Amaryllis bud, hellebore petals
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry stems
7. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Hellebore stems
8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the hellebore stamens
9. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Cap ring
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Wax berries, cap
11. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: moss
    1 strand: knots of the hellebore stamens, hellebore centers

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 471 Very Light Avocado Green	8	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	15	DMC 3053 Green Gray
2	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	9	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	16	DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray
3	DMC 928 Very Light Gray Green	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive
4	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	11	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	18	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue
5	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	12	DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink	19	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper
6	DMC 349 Dark Coral	13	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	20	DMC 921 Copper
7	DMC 351 Coral	14	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	21	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany

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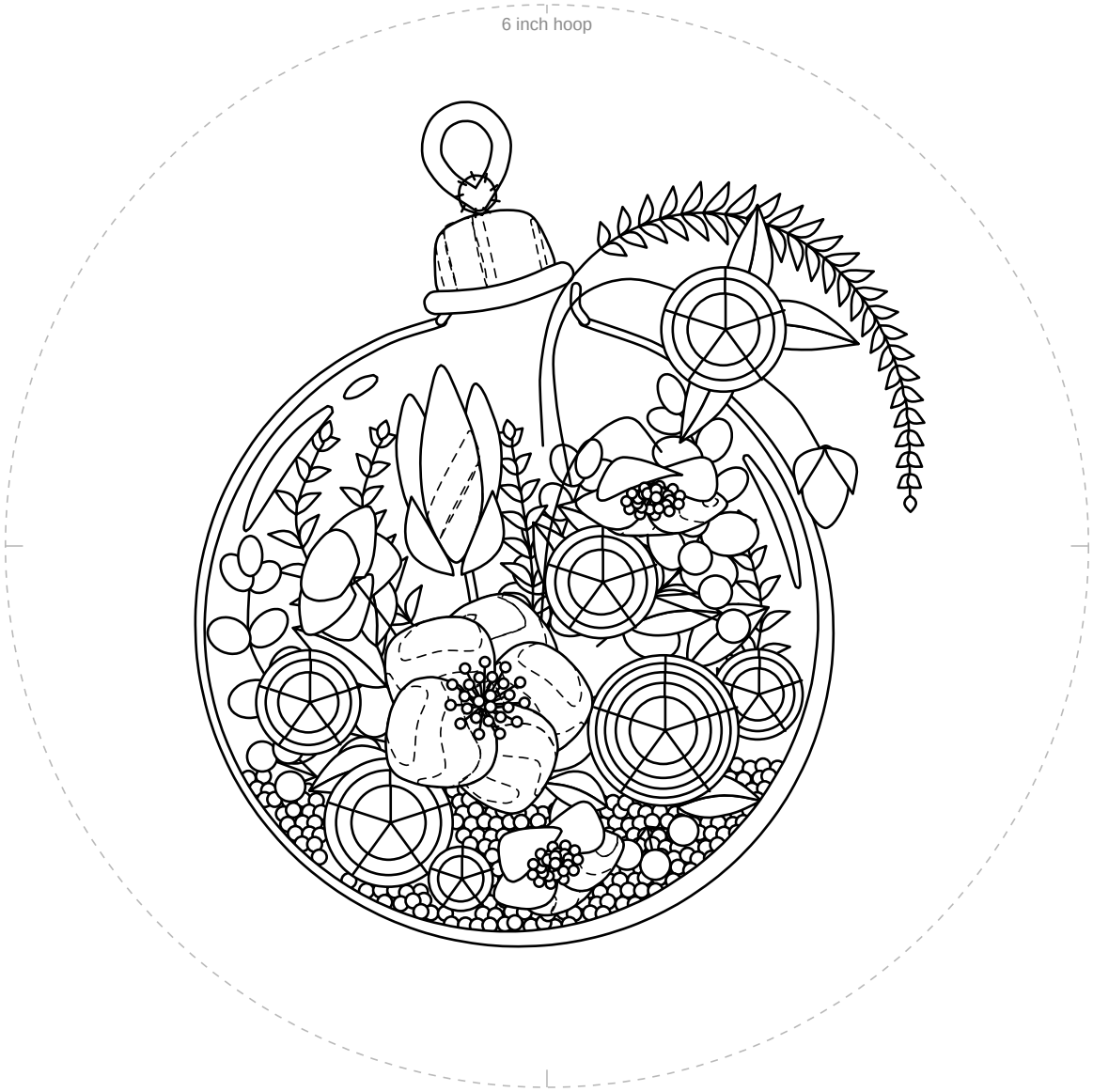
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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