Flowering tree

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.4 in (11.7 × 11.2 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
   2 strands: meadow
   1 strand: twigs, trunk and boughs, tail, belly, breast, back, wing, head, cheek, leaves, buds, blossom petals, loose petals



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 5, 11, 15, 17, 23
   Ribbon of wind, wing bars, beak, eye, sepals



3. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 8
   Bent grass, legs, bud stalks

4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 9
   Feather edges

5. **Straight stitch**, colors 3, 5, 7, 11
   1 strand: eye highlight, ruffled feathers, stamens
   2 strands: feet



6. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 17
   Stamen tips



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 3362 Dark Pine Green	9	DMC 3861 Light Cocoa	17	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 469 Avocado Green	10	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	18	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
3	DMC 3364 Pine Green	11	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	19	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose
4	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	12	DMC 351 Coral	20	DMC 3687 Mauve
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 350 Medium Coral	21	DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose
6	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	14	DMC 352 Light Coral	22	DMC 151 Very Light Dusty Rose
7	DMC 3860 Cocoa	15	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink	23	DMC 777 Very Dark Raspberry
8	DMC 779 Dark Cocoa	16	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet		

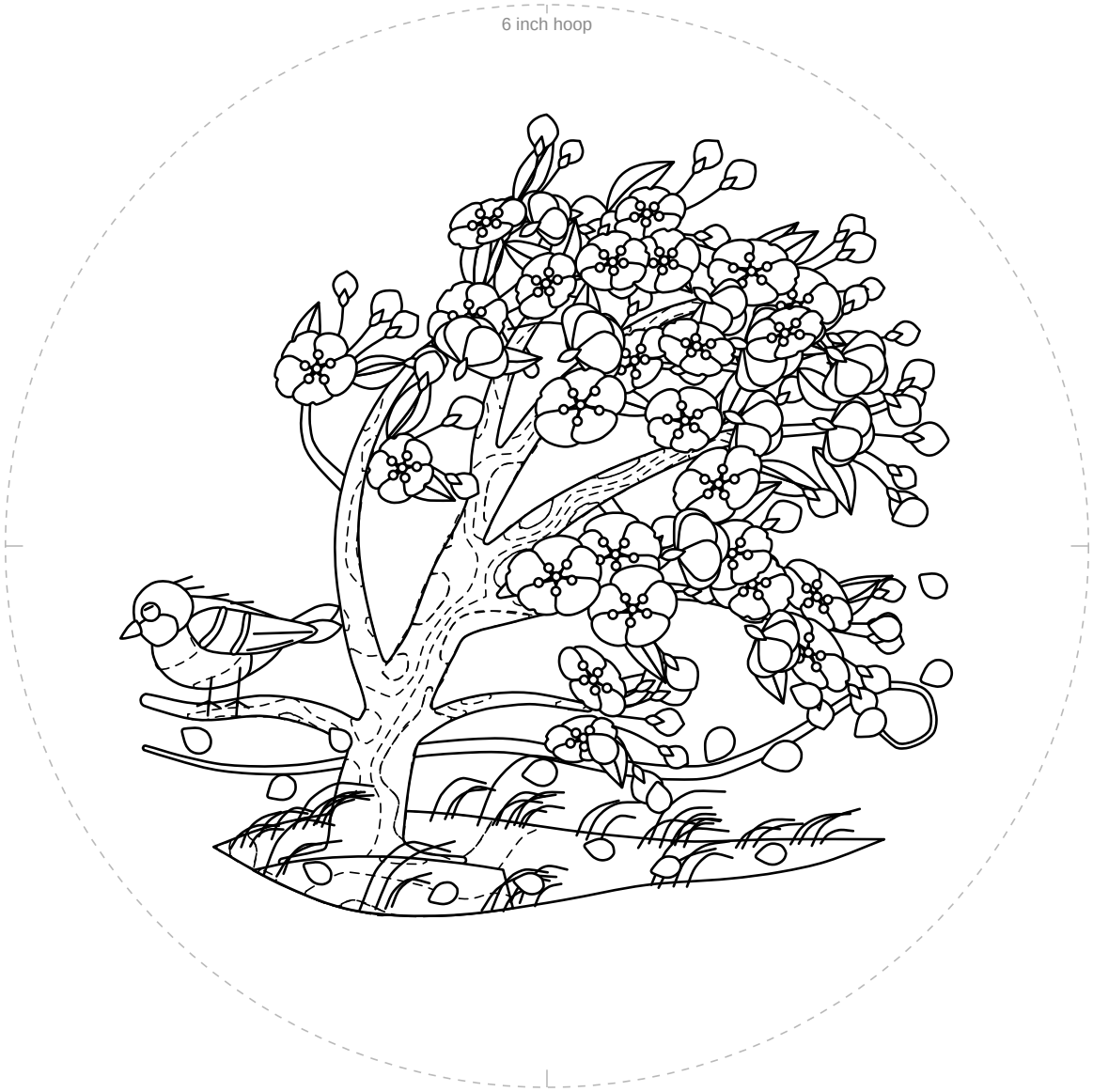
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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
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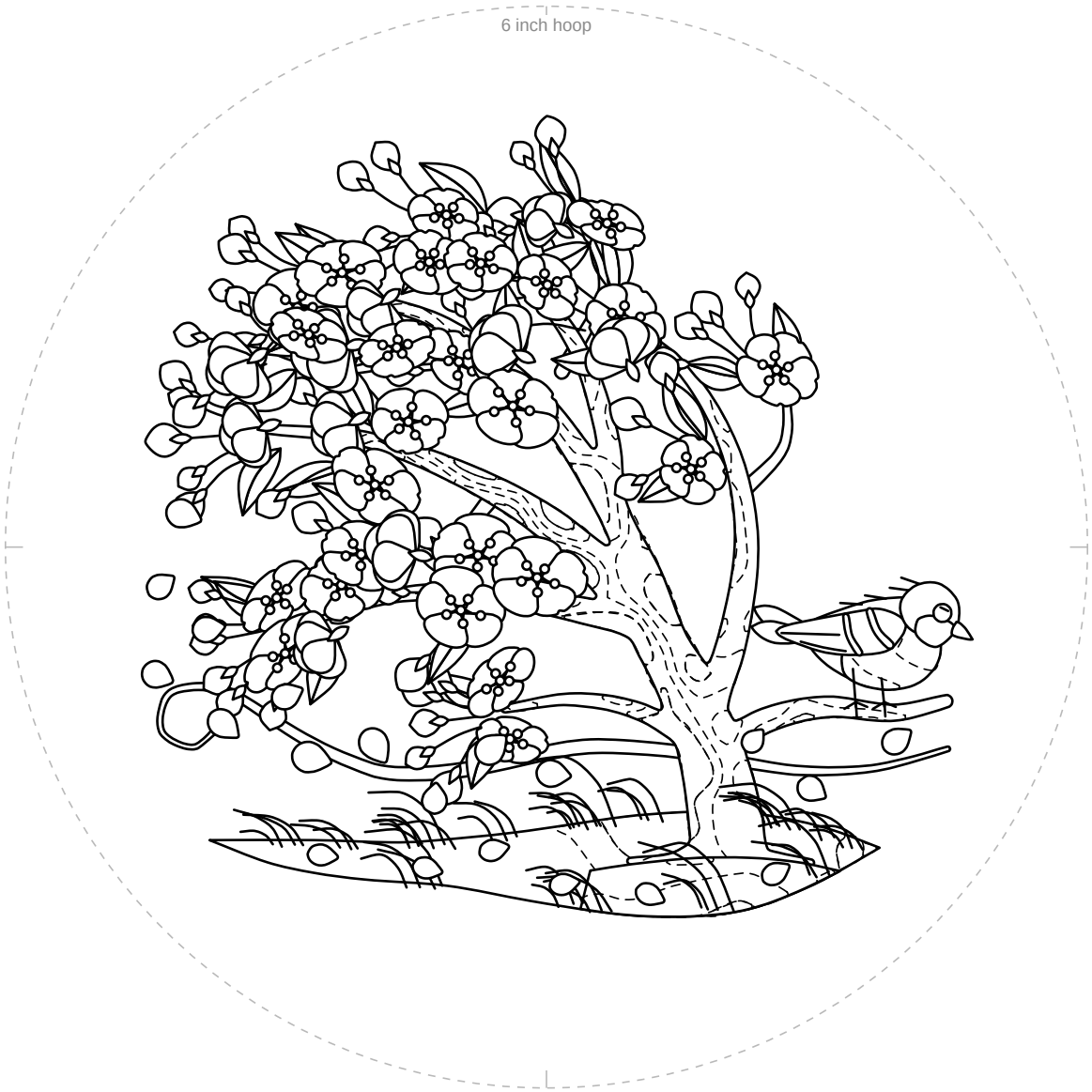
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