Fluted onion bauble

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.9 in (10.2 × 12.4 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 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

8 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 820; one of each other 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. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Glaze lines

2. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the plum branch

3. **Couching**, 5 strands
   Coral cord



4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand: glaze shadow, plum branch, plum blossoms, plantain leaves, cap, tassel
   2 strands: blue flutes



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud cups, plum buds, white scroll leaves, cloud collar, collar centers, cap rim, tip collar, tassel head, tassel binding



6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: stamens
   2 strands: edges of the bud cups



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

8. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins, white scroll, outline
   2 strands: leaf edges, flute edges

9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: stamen tips, white scroll berries, cap beads
   2 strands: blossom centers



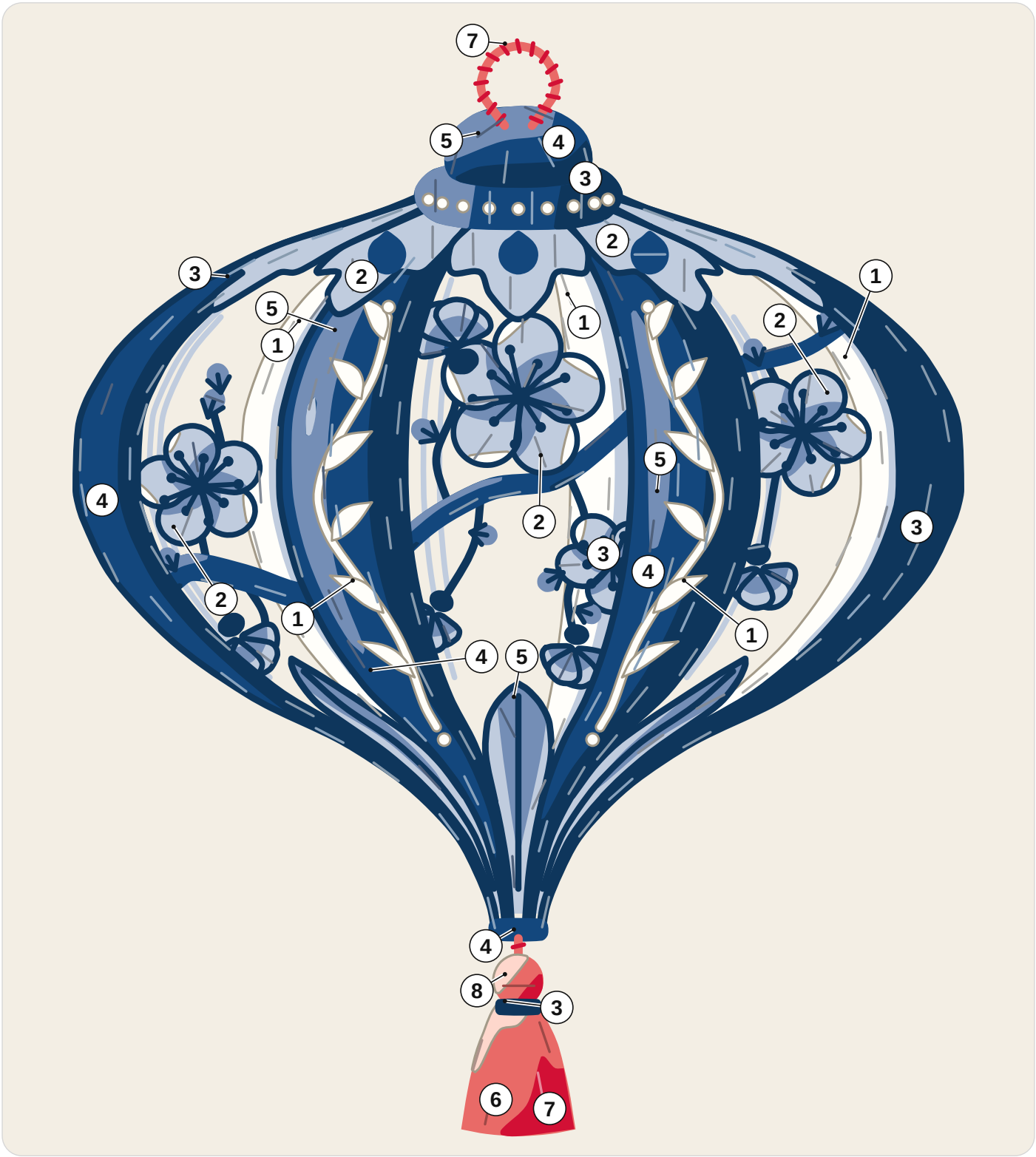
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 BLANC White	**4** DMC 797 Royal Blue	**7** DMC 349 Dark Coral
2 DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue	**5** DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	**8** DMC 353 Peach
3 DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue	**6** DMC 351 Coral	

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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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