Forget-me-not vine edging

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 2.2 in (12.4 × 5.6 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.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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
   Stalks

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



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Back petals, petals, young petals, snail body



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buds, green cups, yellow eyes, shell, shell bands



5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the leaves
   3 strands: vine
   2 strands: lines of the snail horns

6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   White rings



7. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: back petals edge, petals edge, young petals edge, snail body edge
   2 strands: shell outline, snail smile

8. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: eye dots, eye highlight
   2 strands: bud tips, knots of the snail horns, snail eye



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 987 Dark Forest Green	**9**	DMC BLANC White	**17**	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
2	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**10**	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	**18**	DMC 3609 Ultra Light Plum
3	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	**11**	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	**19**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
4	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	**12**	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	**20**	DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige
5	DMC 3836 Light Grape	**13**	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue	**21**	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
6	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	**14**	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	**22**	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
7	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	**15**	DMC 809 Delft Blue	**23**	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
8	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	**16**	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose		

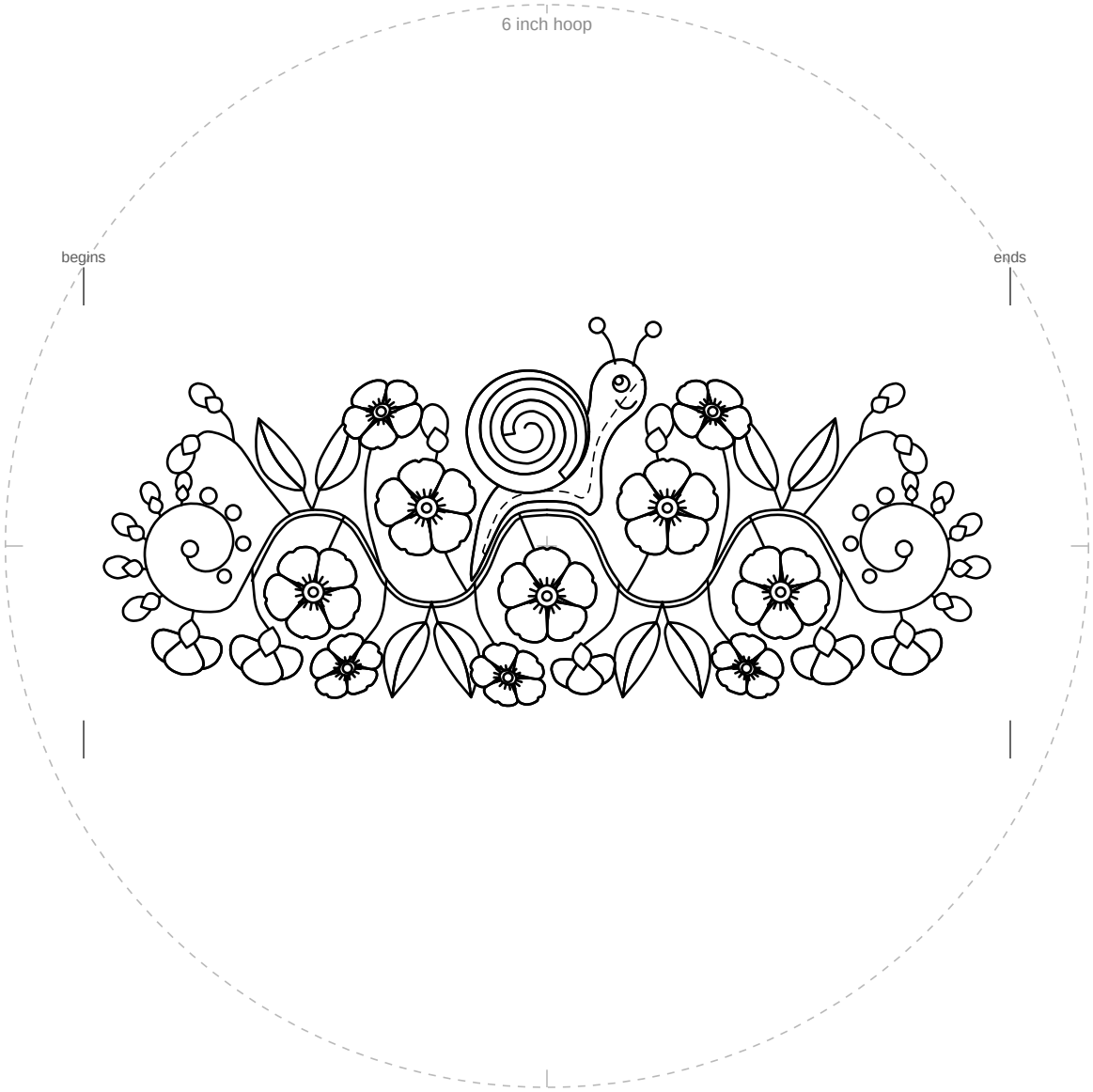
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

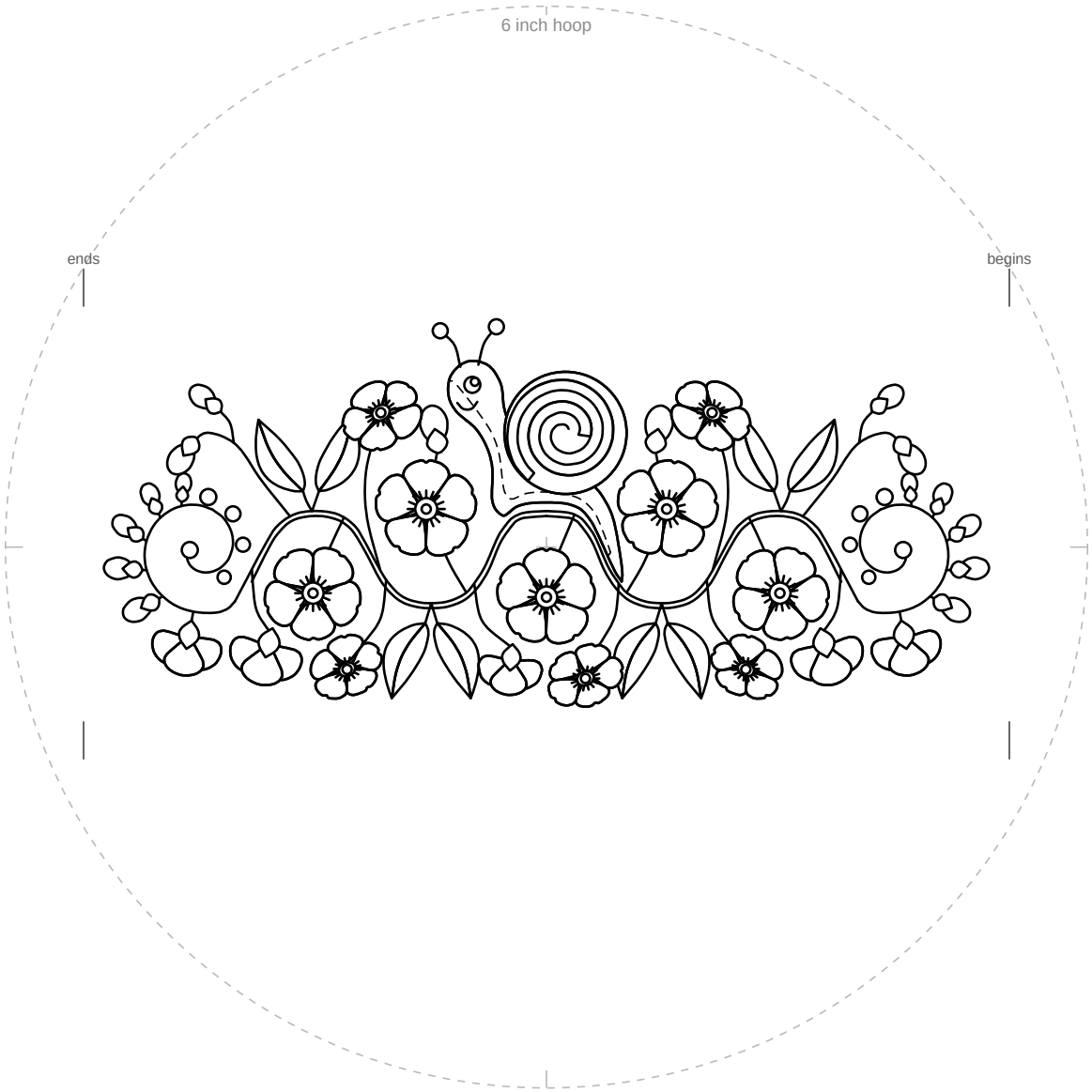
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