Friday cleaning day

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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.

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
   Sprig stems

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



3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands
   Puddle, brush handle, broom handle, broom straw, feathers, brush bristles, brush back, tub, suds



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Inside of the tub, duster handle, broom binding, duster collar, daisy petals, daisy cup, tub handles, tub hoops, tub rim, bee wings, bee, letters



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the duster handle, bubbles
   1 strand: lines of the broom straw, lines of the brush bristles, bee feelers

6. **Whipped back stitch**, 2 strands
   Broom stitching



7. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the puddle, edges of the tub
   1 strand: feather quills, suds edges, bee wing edges

8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: bubble highlights
   1 strand: bee light



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Daisy centers, lavender, froth



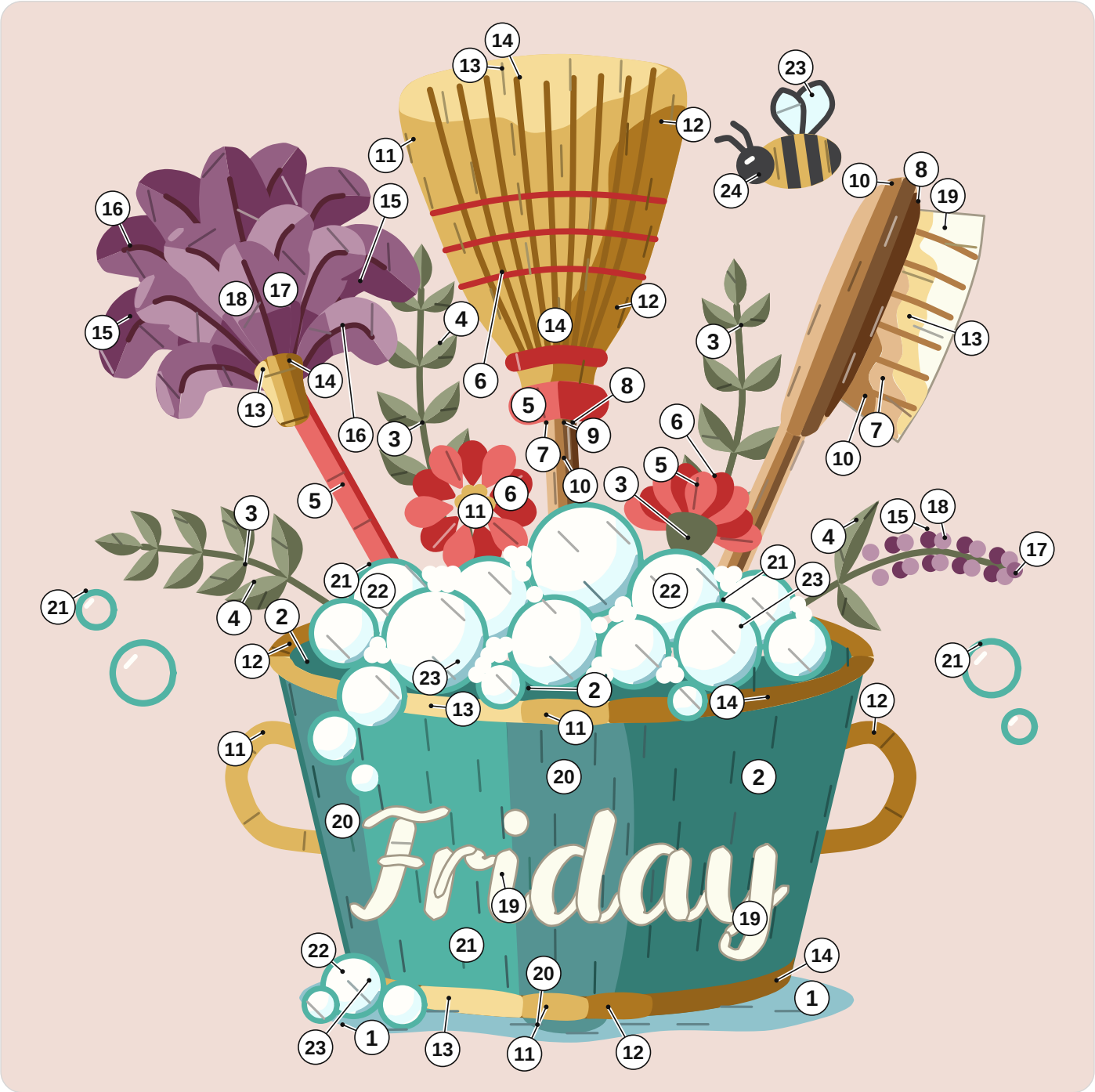
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 598 Light Turquoise	9	DMC 433 Medium Brown	17	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
2	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	10	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	18	DMC 3836 Light Grape
3	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	11	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	19	DMC 746 Off White
4	DMC 522 Fern Green	12	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	20	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green
5	DMC 351 Coral	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw	21	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green
6	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	14	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	22	DMC BLANC White
7	DMC 437 Light Tan	15	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	23	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue
8	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	16	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	24	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray

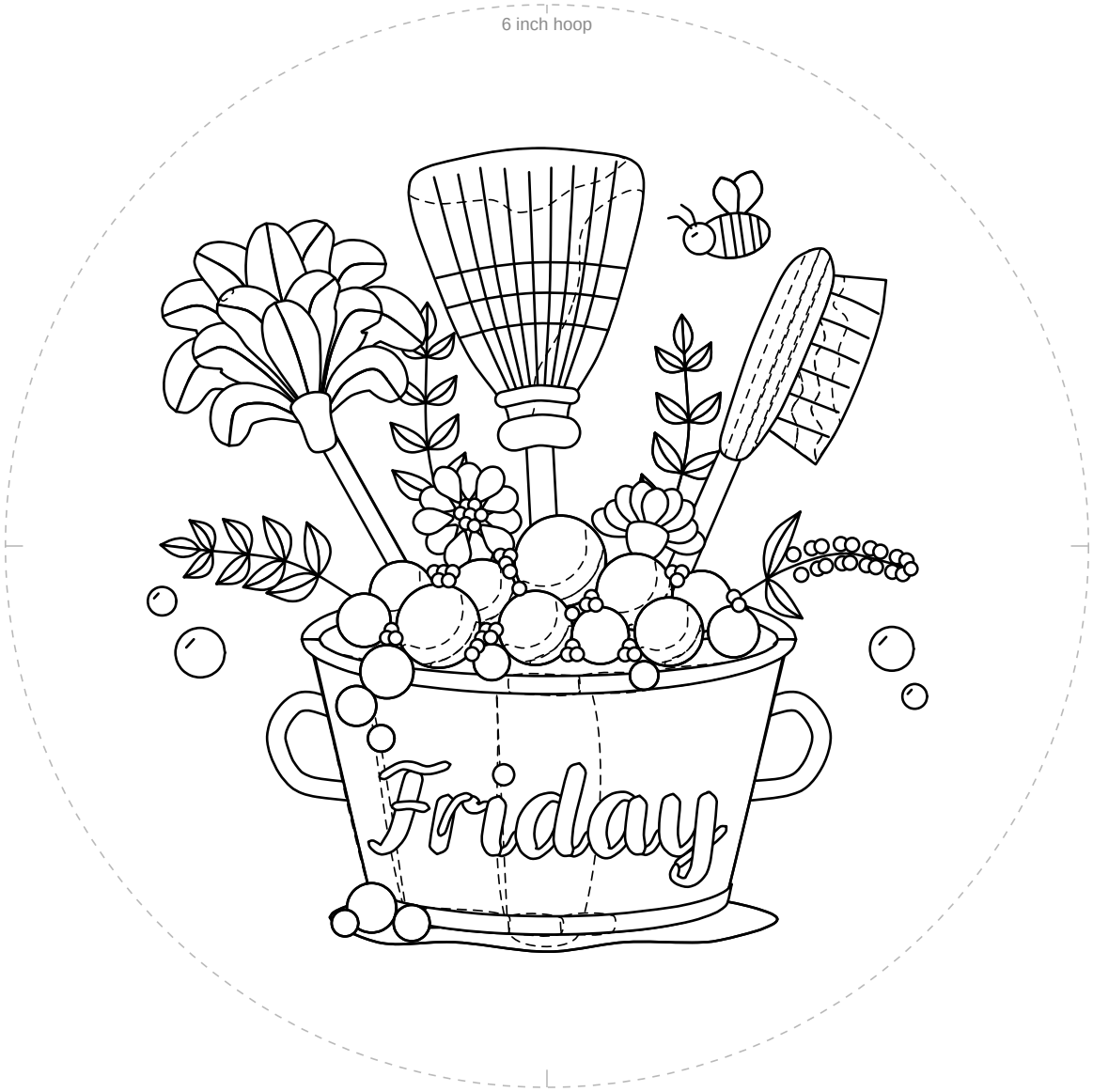
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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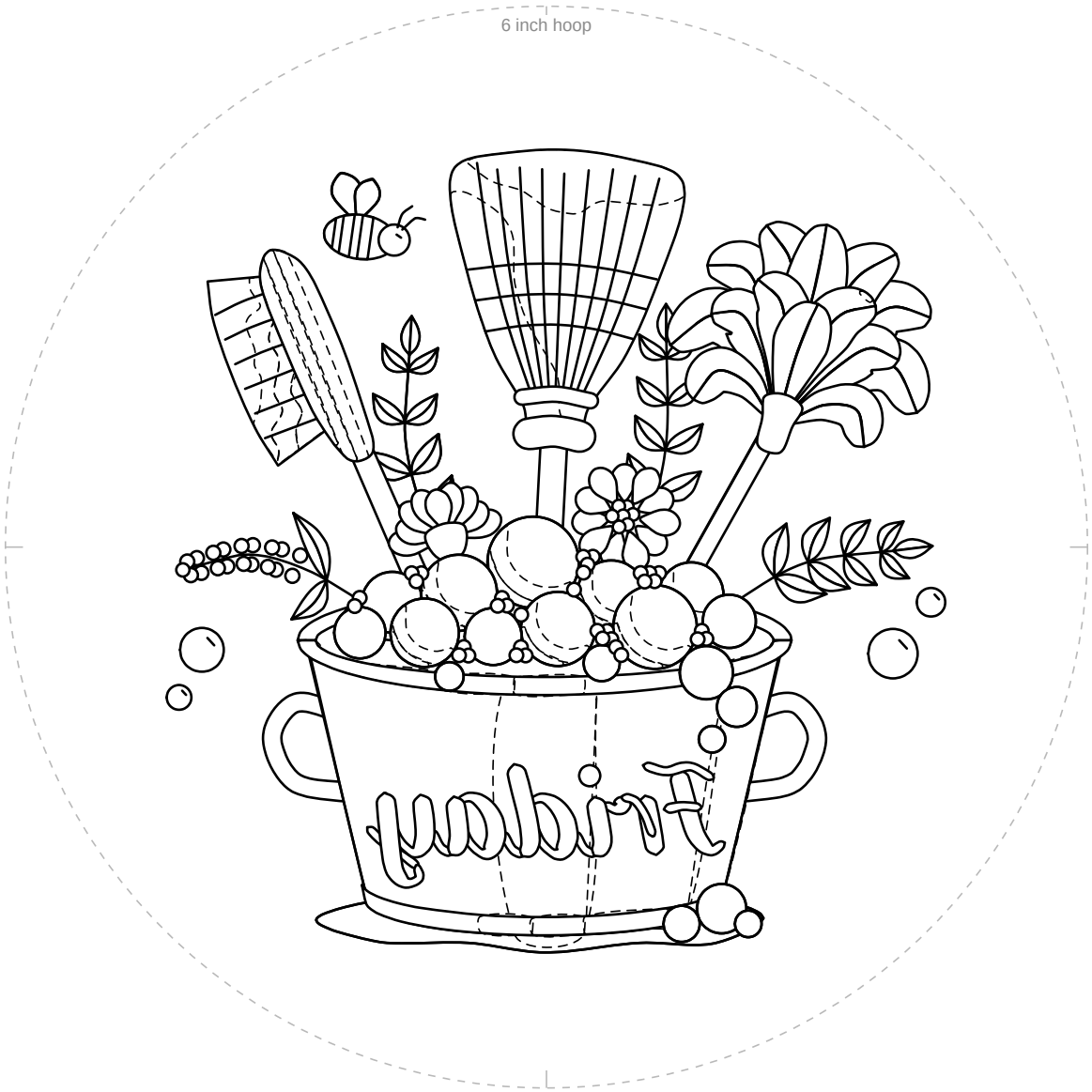
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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