Gerbera crescent spray

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.2 in (11.4 × 10.7 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.

22 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 817; 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Eucalyptus stems, fern stems, billy button stems, berry stems (color 4)

2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Berry stems (color 4)

3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eucalyptus leaves, fern leaves, green cups



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



5. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Peach petals, peach inner petals, fuchsia petals, bud petals, coral petals, coral inner petals



6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry highlights



7. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: flower stems
   1 strand: lines of the leaves

8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Peach petals edges, peach inner petals edges, fuchsia petals edges, fuchsia petals grooves, bud petals edges, coral petals edges, coral petals grooves, coral inner petals edges

9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps
    Billy buttons, gerbera hearts



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 3768 Dark Gray Green	**9**	DMC 336 Navy Blue	**17**	DMC 3607 Light Plum
2	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	**10**	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice	**18**	DMC 3608 Very Light Plum
3	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	**11**	DMC 722 Light Orange Spice	**19**	DMC 351 Coral
4	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**12**	DMC 3825 Pale Pumpkin	**20**	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
5	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**13**	DMC 353 Peach	**21**	DMC 350 Medium Coral
6	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**14**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	**22**	DMC 352 Light Coral
7	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**15**	DMC 718 Plum		
8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**16**	DMC 915 Dark Plum		

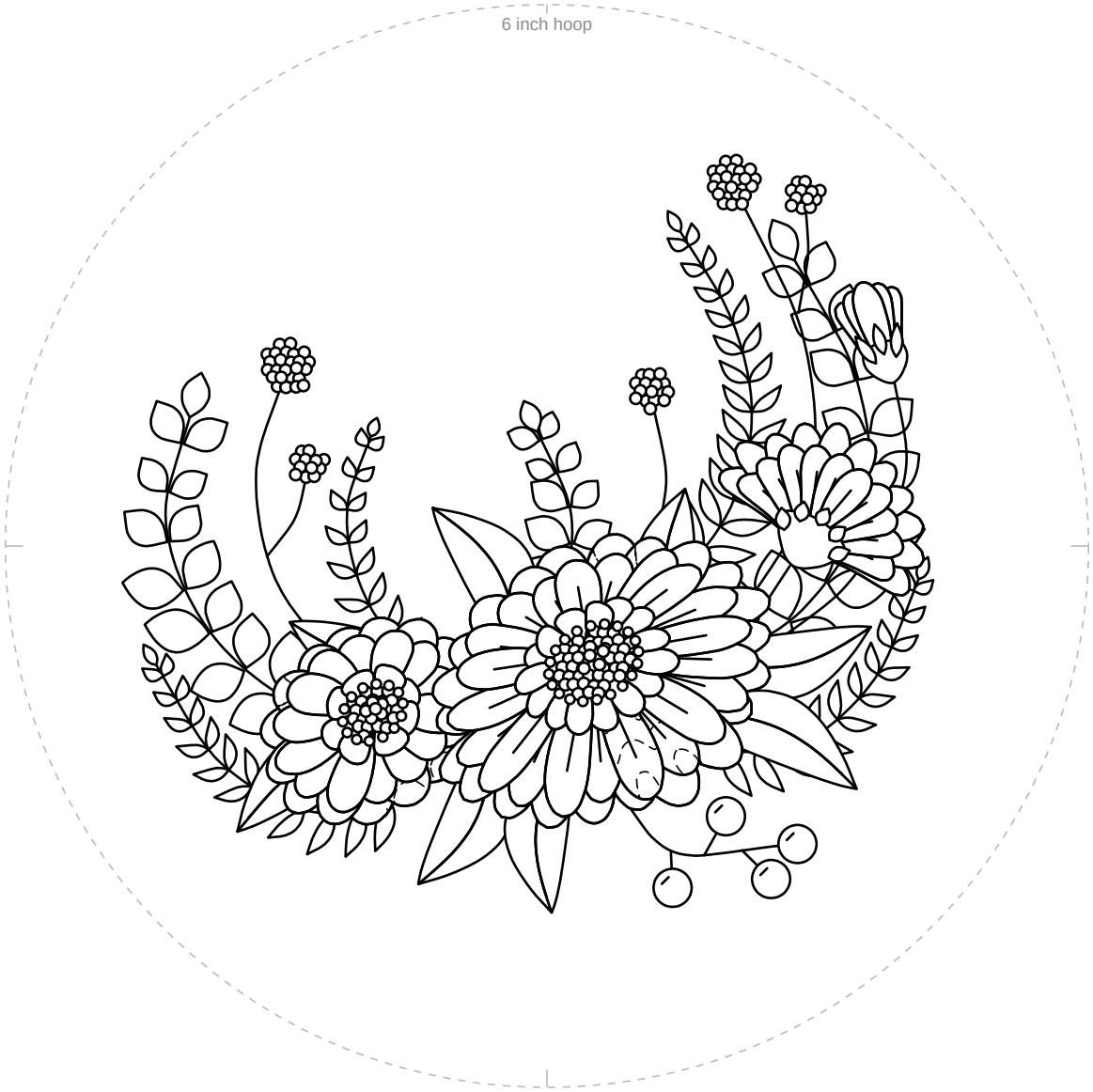
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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

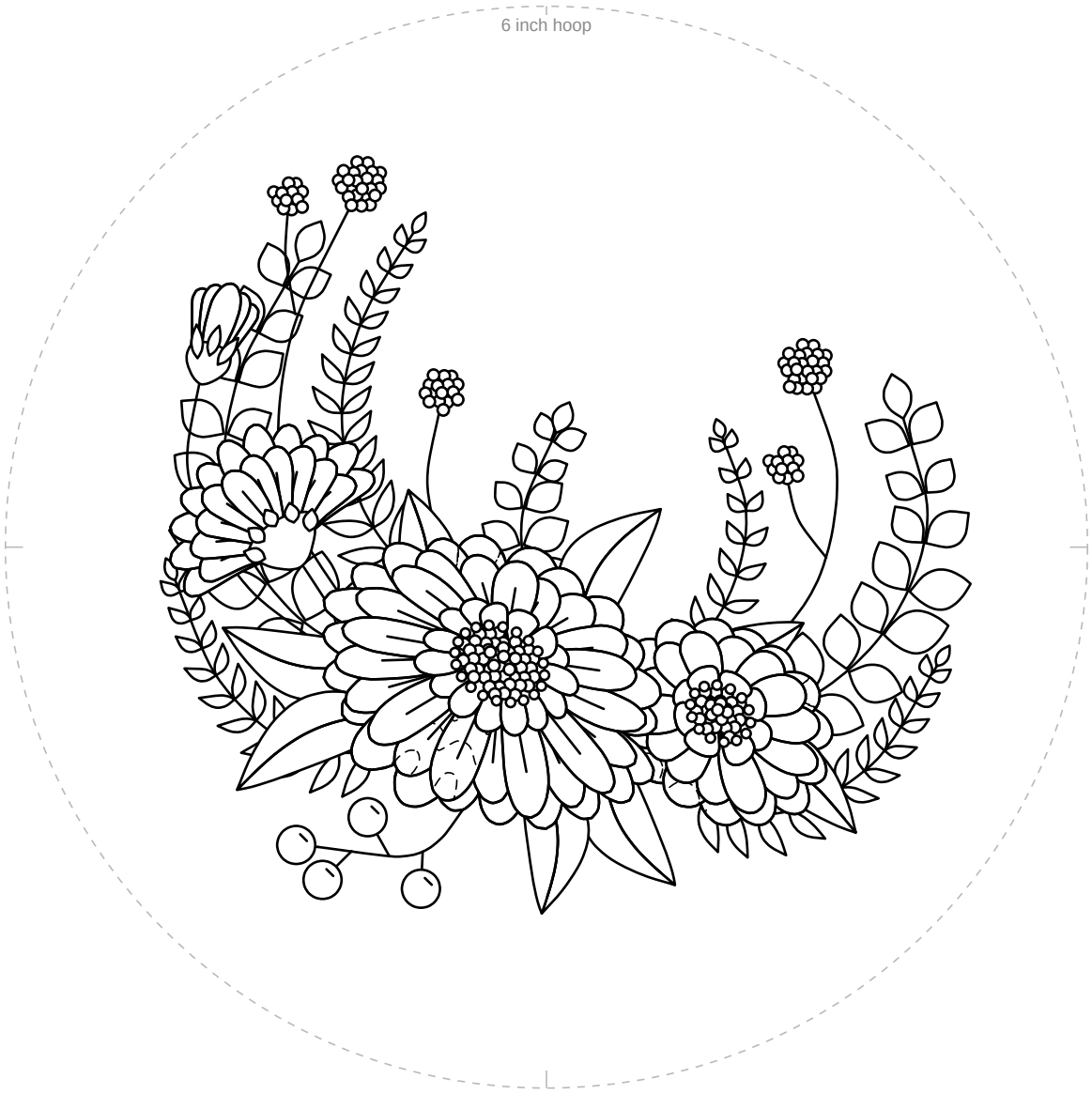
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