Gerbera oval frame

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.8 in (11.7 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

22 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 4
   Slender leaves



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21
   Gerbera leaves, raspberry petals, butter petals, coral petals, peach petals



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 20
   Flower cups, butter florets, butter eye, coral florets, coral eye, peach florets, peach eye, raspberry florets, raspberry eye



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 4, 5, 8
   4 strands: gold oval
   3 strands: spray stems, flower stems
   1 strand: gerbera leaves

5. **Running stitch**
   2 strands, color 1
   Inner oval

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 2
   Gypsophila stems

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 18, 19, 21, 22
   Butter florets, coral florets, peach florets, raspberry florets



8. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 1, 3, 10
   2 strands: gypsophila
   1 strand: butter eye, coral eye, peach eye, raspberry 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 3820 Dark Straw	9	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	17	DMC 352 Light Coral
2	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	10	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	18	DMC 353 Peach
3	DMC 3865 Winter White	11	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	19	DMC 3078 Very Light Golden Yellow
4	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	12	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	20	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
5	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	13	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	21	DMC 948 Very Light Peach
6	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	14	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	22	DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose
7	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	15	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red		
8	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	16	DMC 350 Medium Coral		

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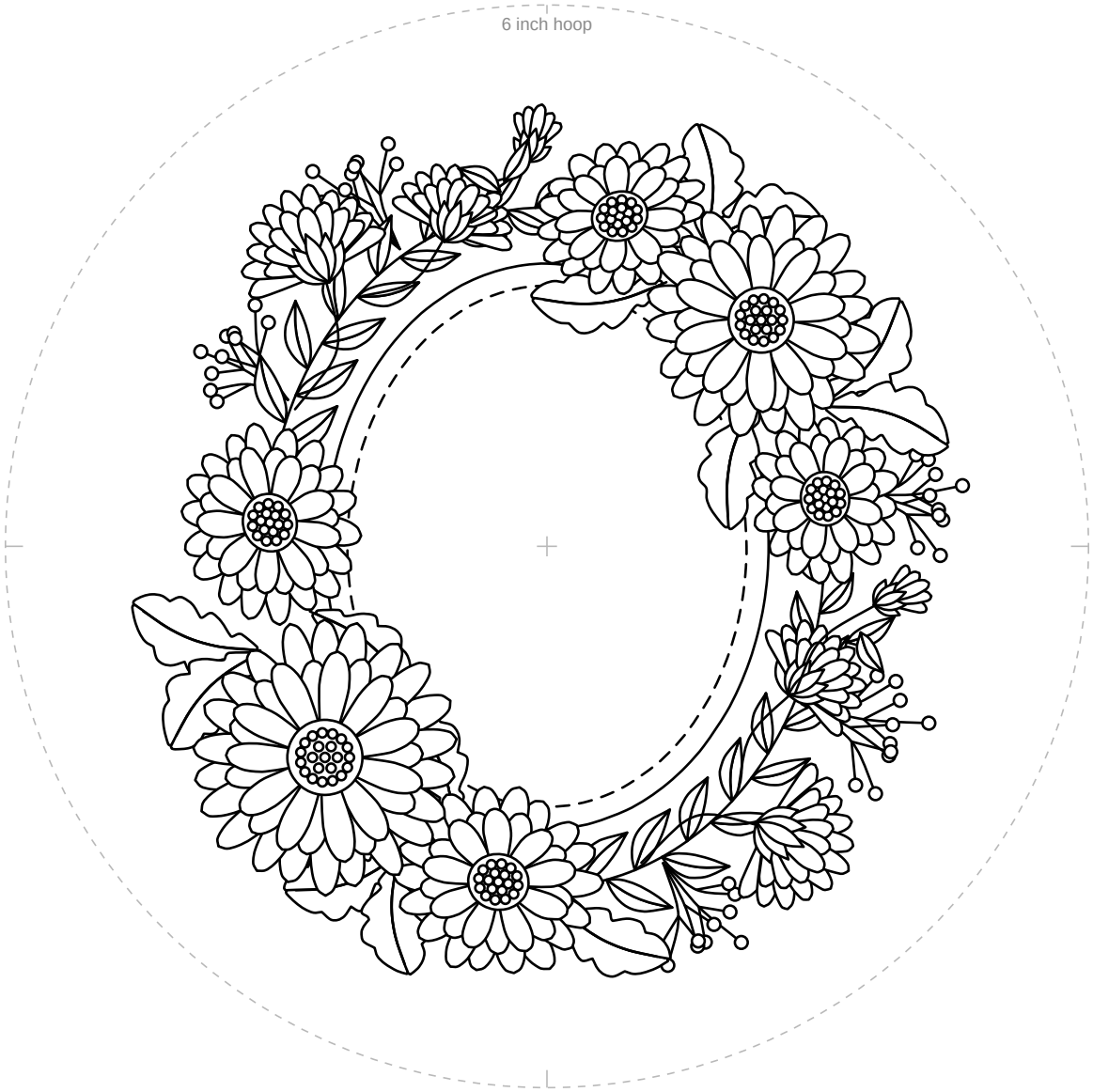
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is running stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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