Golden plums in raised satin

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.6 in (11.4 × 11.7 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

16 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 1, 2, 4
   Leaves



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 6, 7
   Twigs, bough



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 6, 7
   Stem hollows, stalks, cut end, ladybug head



4. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand, colors 3, 6
   Leaf veins, lines of the ladybug marks

5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 6, 10
   Creases, edges of the cut end

6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
   Plums, spurs, ladybug



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 6
   Knots of the ladybug marks



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

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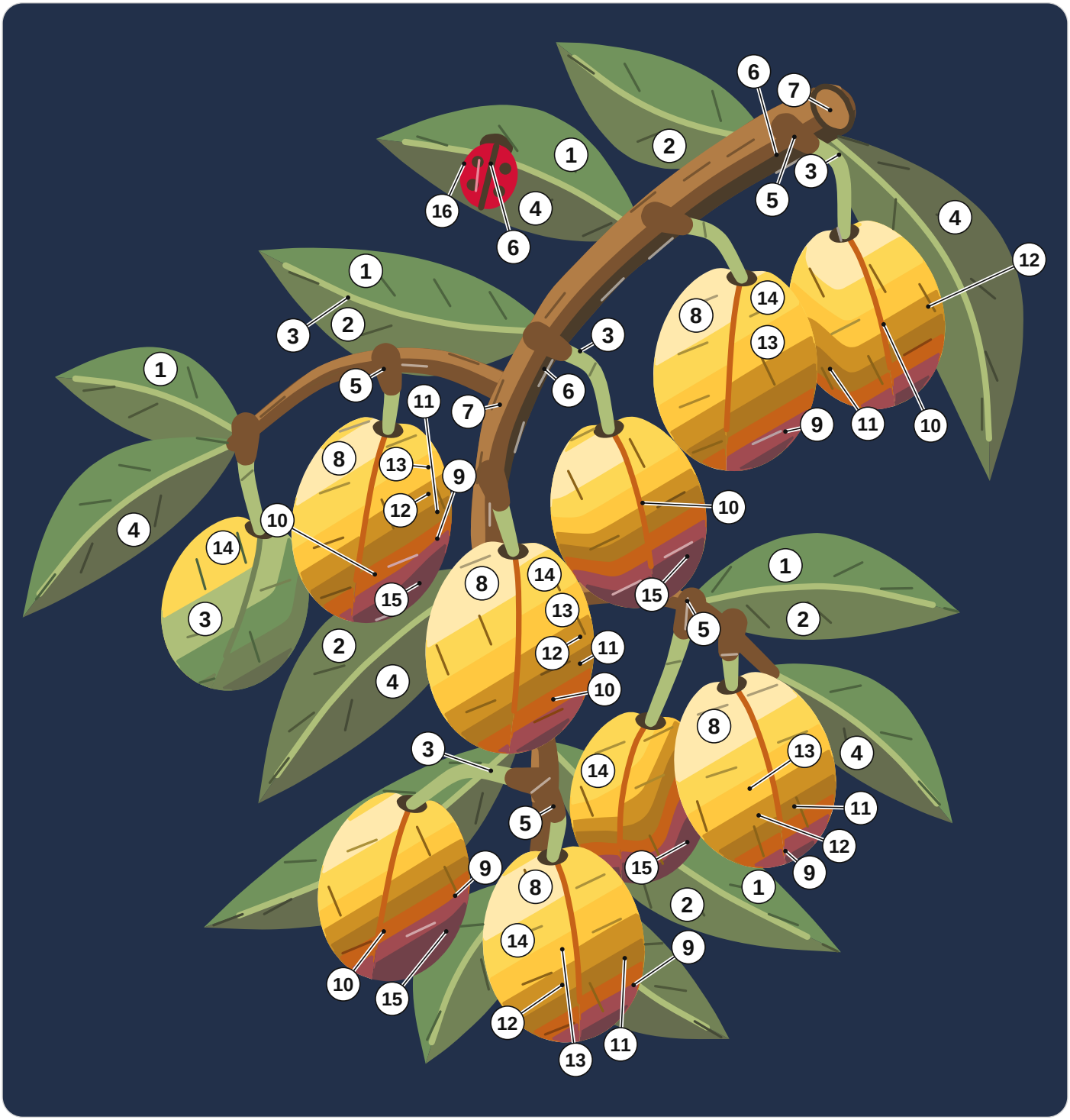
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	7	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	13	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
2	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	8	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	14	DMC 726 Light Topaz
3	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	9	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	15	DMC 3802 Very Dark Antique Mauve
4	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	10	DMC 921 Copper	16	DMC 349 Dark Coral
5	DMC 433 Medium Brown	11	DMC 782 Dark Topaz		
6	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz		

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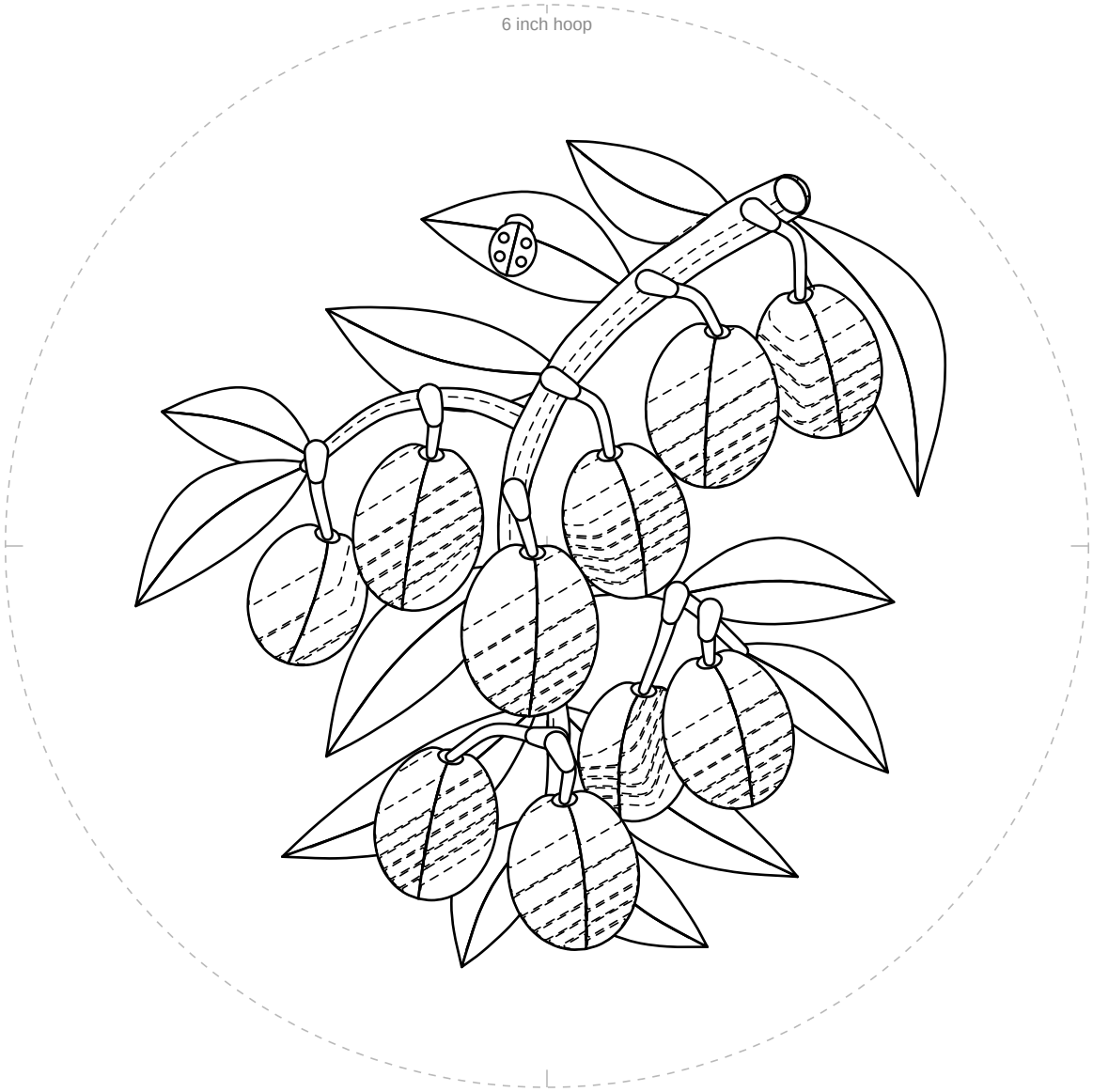
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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