Grandmother’s fan

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.4 × 3.4 in (8.6 × 8.6 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.

22 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.

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: scallop line
   3 strands: corner stems
2. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: ladybird legs
   2 strands: ladybird feelers
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Rose blade, coral blade, butter blade, mint blade, aqua blade, blue blade, lilac blade
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Binding, rose print, coral flowers, mint crescents, blue dots, lilac fans, gold band, sunflower petals, scallops, corner buds, corner flower, ladybird head, ladybird spots
5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Corner leaves
6. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Blade edges
7. **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Aqua herringbone
8. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Butter windowpane, lilac fan ribs, edges of the scallops
9. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Ladybird seam
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Coral leaves
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Hub ring, sunflower center, ladybird collar, ladybird shell
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: flower centers, butter dots, aqua dots, lilac fan hubs, scallop pearls, corner flower center
    1 strand: ladybird eyes

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 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	9	DMC 562 Medium Jade	17	DMC BLANC White
2	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	10	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	18	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue
3	DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose	11	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	19	DMC 3840 Light Lavender Blue
4	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	12	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	20	DMC 797 Royal Blue
5	DMC 948 Very Light Peach	13	DMC 369 Very Light Pistachio Green	21	DMC 211 Light Lavender
6	DMC 353 Peach	14	DMC 164 Light Forest Green	22	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet
7	DMC 349 Dark Coral	15	DMC 3761 Light Sky Blue		
8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	16	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise		

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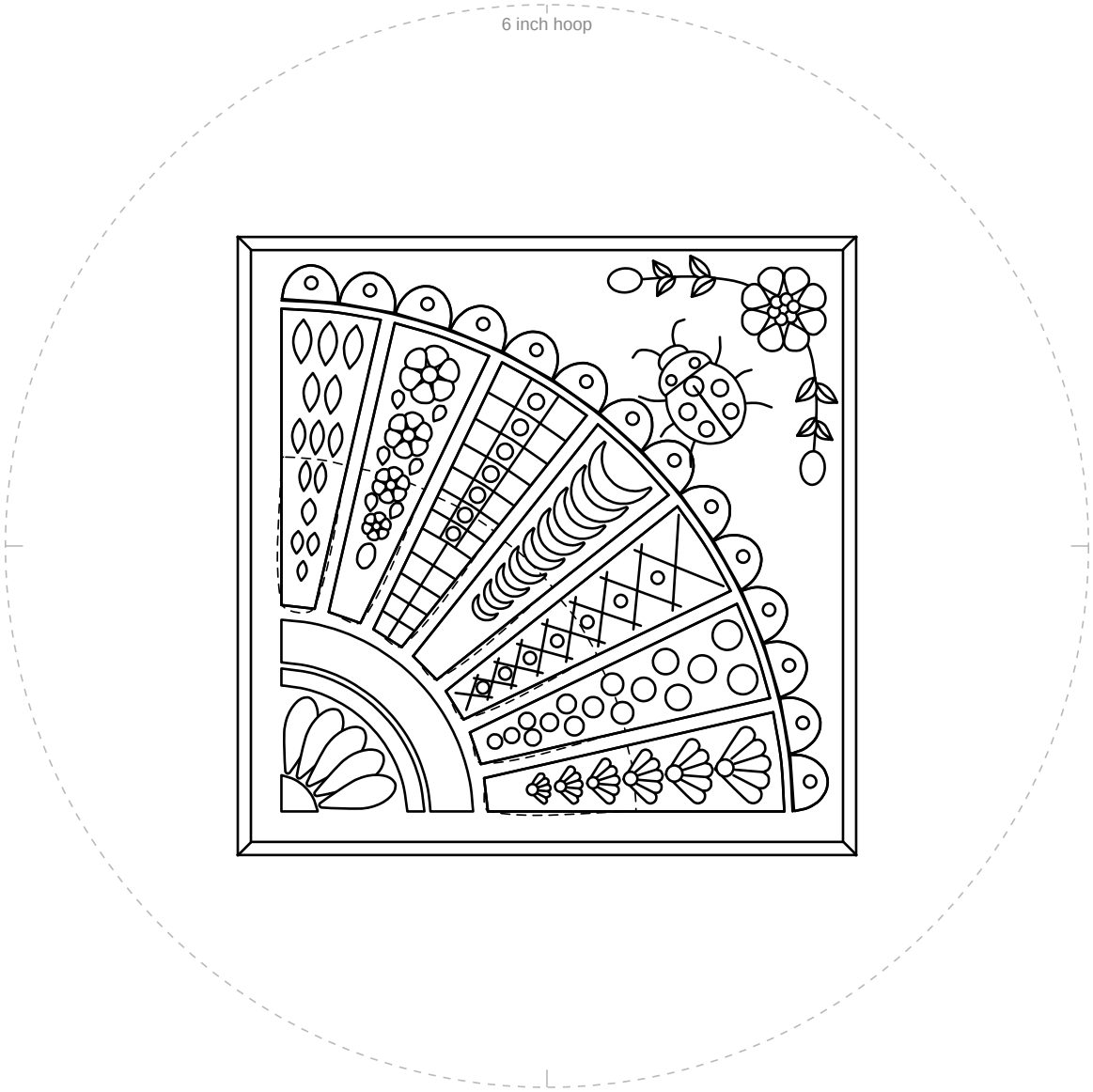
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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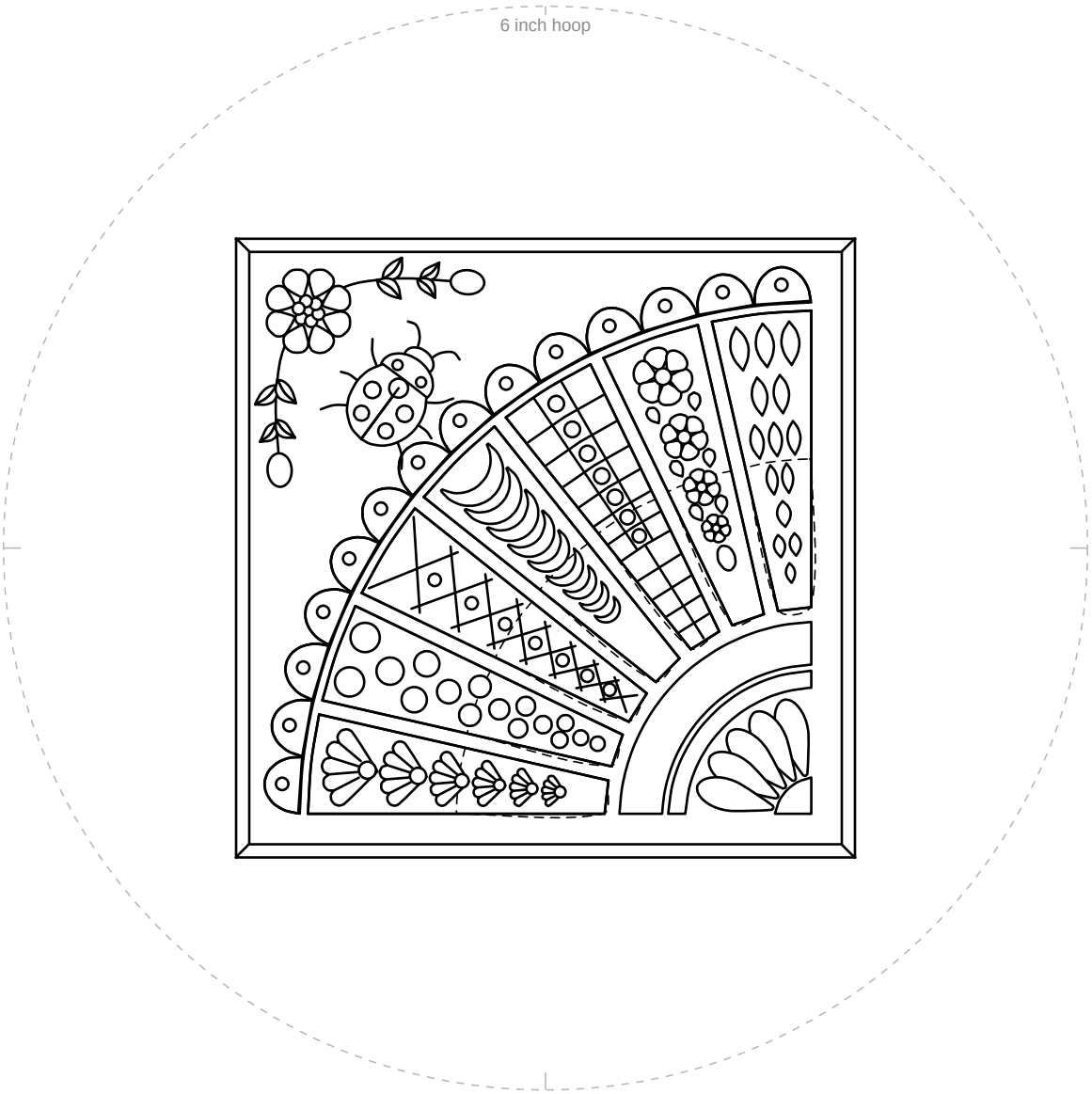
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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