Greek temple with olive sprays

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 4.8 in (12.7 × 12.2 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.

23 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**, 3 strands
   Lines of the cord
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Porch shadow, doorway, columns, swallow tail, swallow far wing, swallow breast, swallow wing, swallow head
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Door frame, capitals, beam, frieze, frieze blocks, cornice, pediment rim, pediment field, step risers, step treads, carved scrolls, roof ornaments, branches, cord, swallow throat, swallow bill, swallow eye ring
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Green leaves, silver leaves
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Column outlines (colors 3 and 4)
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Flutes, frieze grooves (color 4), swallow wing feathers
7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: column outlines (colors 3, 4 and 5), pediment rim line, temple outline, lines of the carved scrolls, swallow feet (color 1)
   1 strand: frieze grooves (color 3), olive stalks
8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: door glow
   1 strand: olive highlights, swallow eye highlight, swallow feet (color 1)
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Loops of the rosette
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Capitals, olives
11. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knots of the rosette
    1 strand: swallow eye

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 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	9	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	17	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
2	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	10	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	18	DMC 336 Navy Blue
3	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	11	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	19	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet
4	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	12	DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown	20	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
5	DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige	13	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	21	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet
6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	14	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	22	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta
7	DMC 3865 Winter White	15	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	23	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue
8	DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige	16	DMC 3053 Green Gray		

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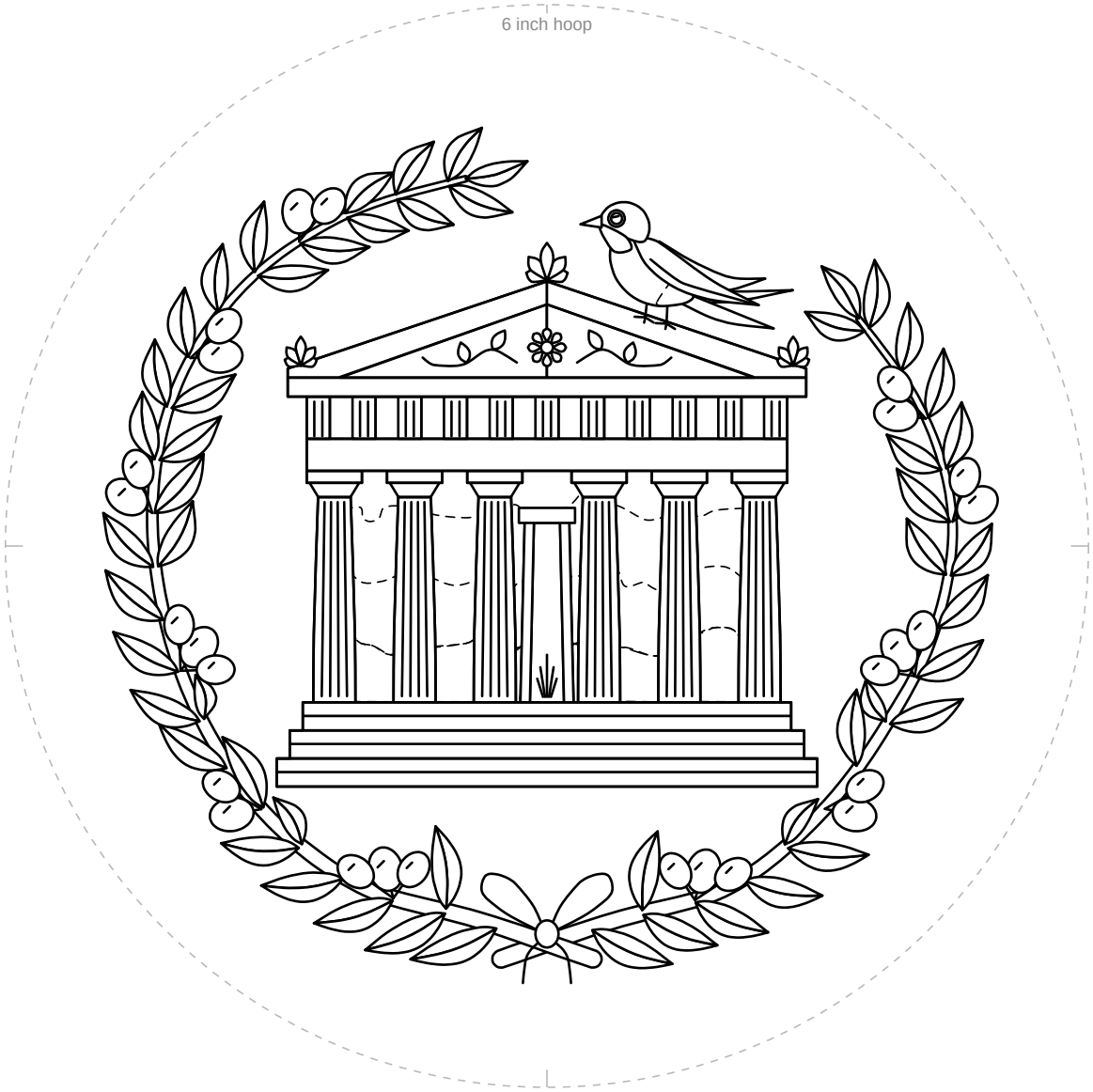
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a 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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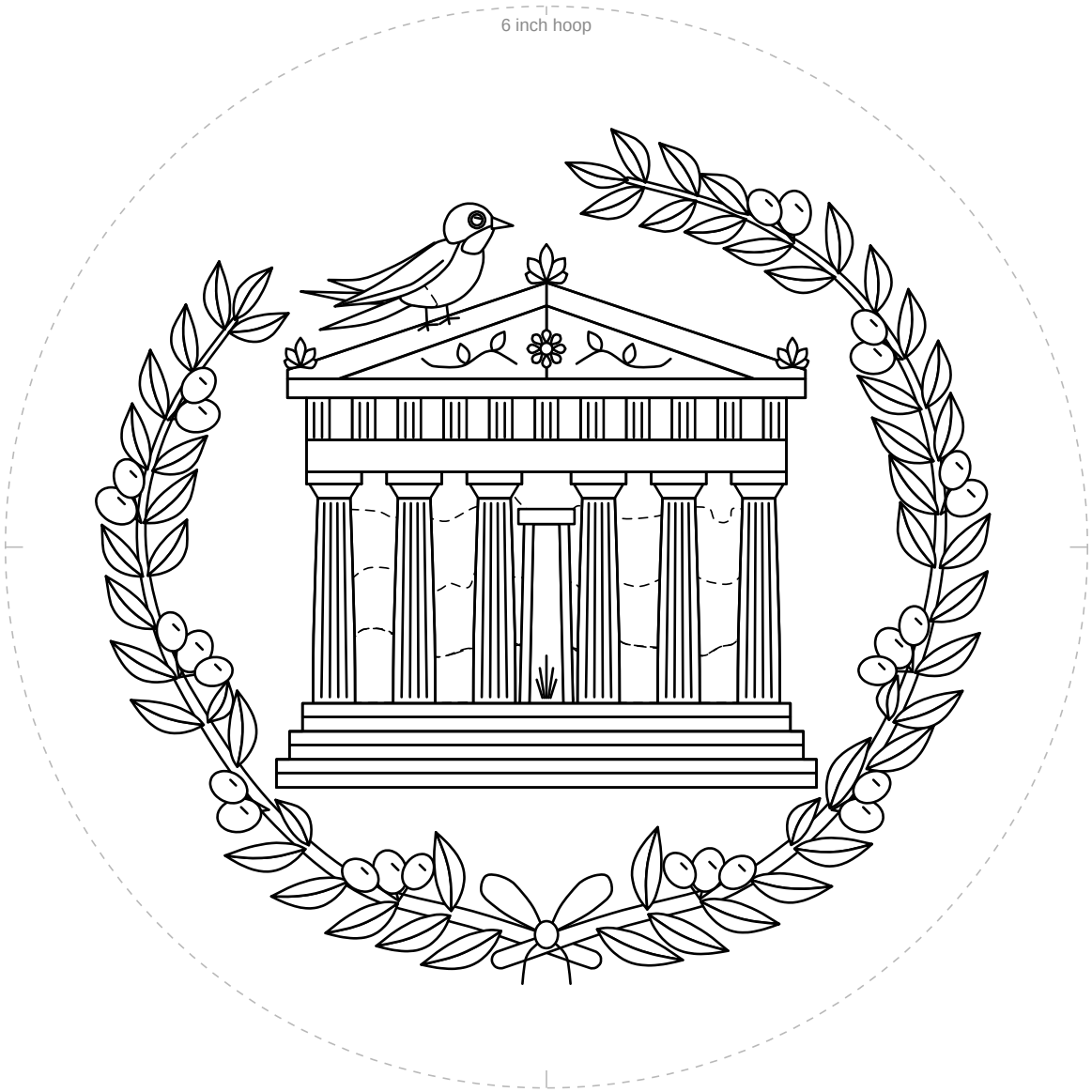

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