Herringbone stitch ring

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



Colors by number: page 2.

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.

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.

Buy: 16 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Fir sprigs (color 5)
2. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: fir sprigs (color 5), berry stems
   3 strands: sprig stems
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Small leaves, sprig leaves
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Snow, ears, body, chest, haunch, feet, forelegs (color 13), head, cheeks
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, cones, forelegs (color 11), inner ears, eye ring, eye, nose
6. **Herringbone stitch**, 6 strands
   Herringbone ring
7. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
   Rails
8. **Straight stitch**
   4 strands: ring ties, lines of the haunch star
   2 strands: berry highlights, eye highlight
   3 strands: snow stars, toes
   1 strand: whiskers
9. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Cone scales
10. **Stem stitch**
    2 strands: cone stems
    1 strand: mouth
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Ring knots, star centers, tail, knots of the haunch star

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 321 Red	**7**	DMC 3705 Dark Melon	**13**	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
2	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	**8**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**14**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
3	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	**9**	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	**15**	DMC 760 Salmon
4	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**10**	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	**16**	DMC BLANC White
5	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	**11**	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue		
6	DMC 3713 Very Light Salmon	**12**	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue		

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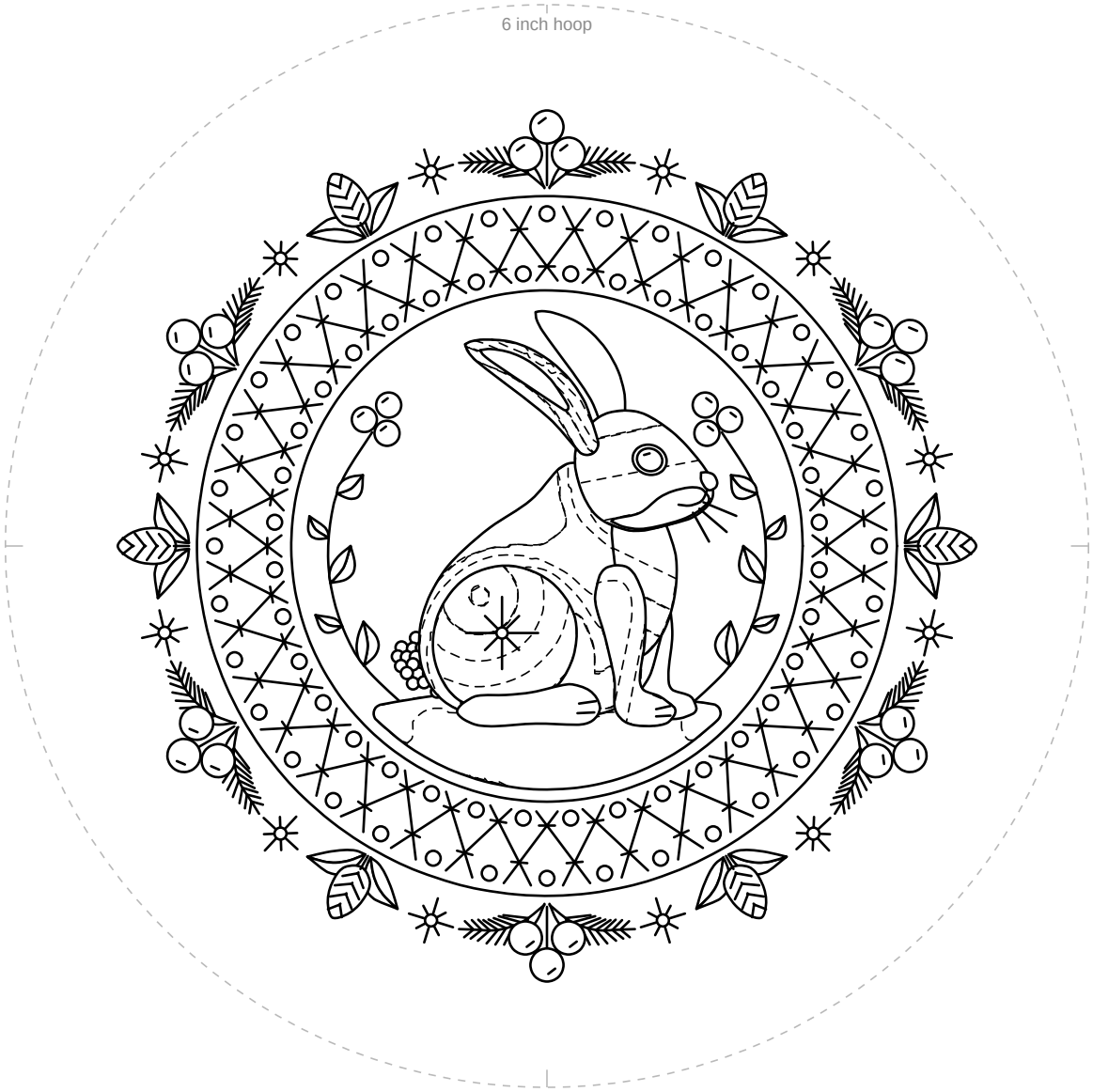
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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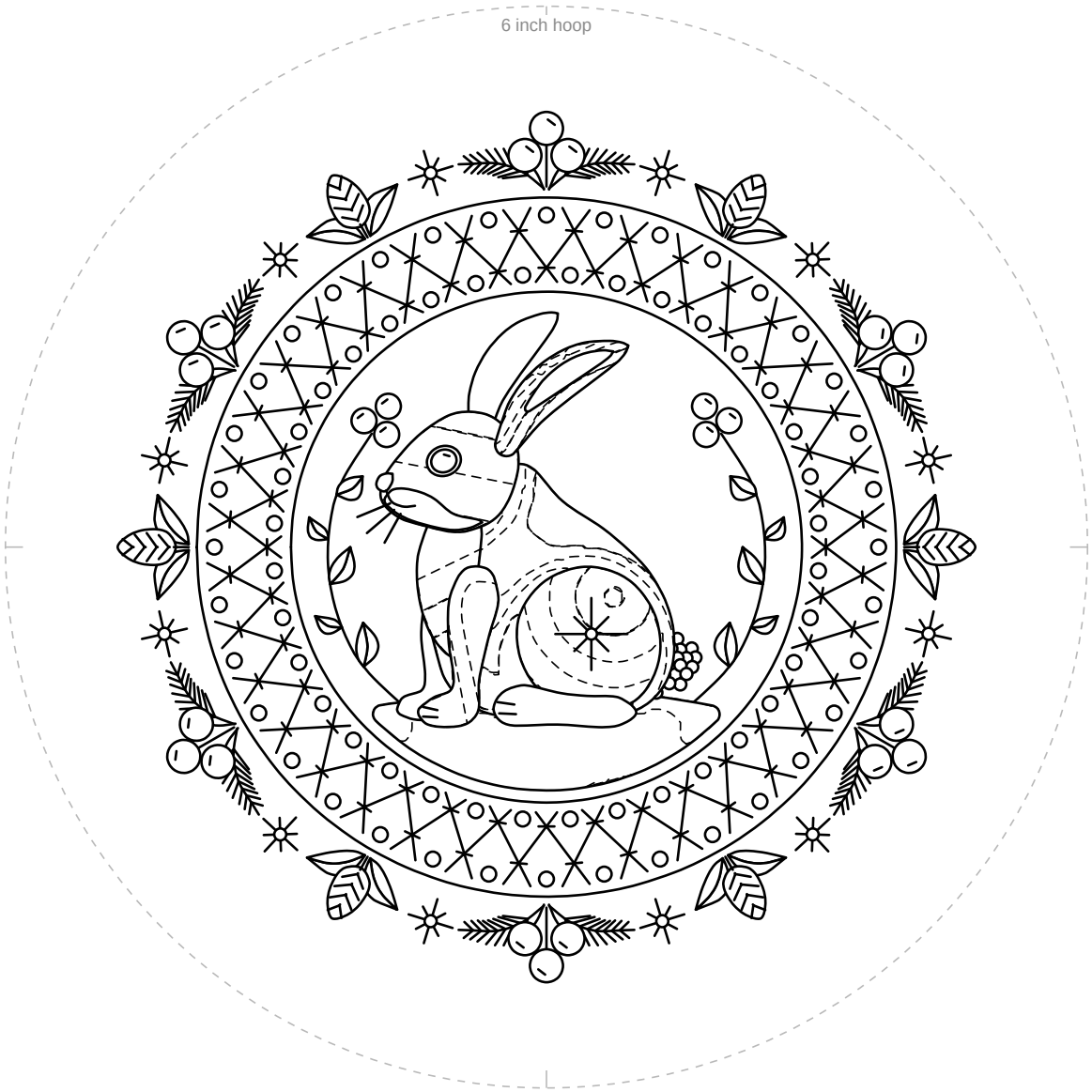
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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