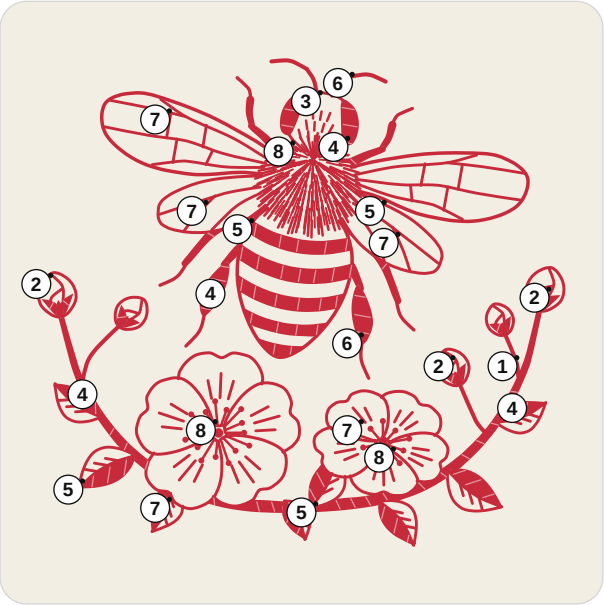
Honey bee redwork

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.3 in (11.7 × 10.9 cm)



A number is a row of the list.

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 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, 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: 2 skeins of DMC 321 (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Floss

DMC 321 Red
Fur, leaves, blossom petals, abdomen bands, wing veins, boughs, legs, fore wings, petal veins, buds, hind wings, pollen baskets, stamens, sepals, abdomen, eyes, leaf veins, bud folds, stamen tips, stalks, antennae, head and blossom center

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Stalks
2. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Bud folds
3. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Head
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Boughs, leaves, sepals, legs, pollen baskets, abdomen bands, eyes
5. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the leaves
   3 strands: buds, blossom petals, hind wings
   4 strands: fore wings, abdomen
6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the legs
   3 strands: antennae
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, petal veins, wing veins
8. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: stamens
   2 strands: fur
9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: stamen tips
   2 strands: blossom center

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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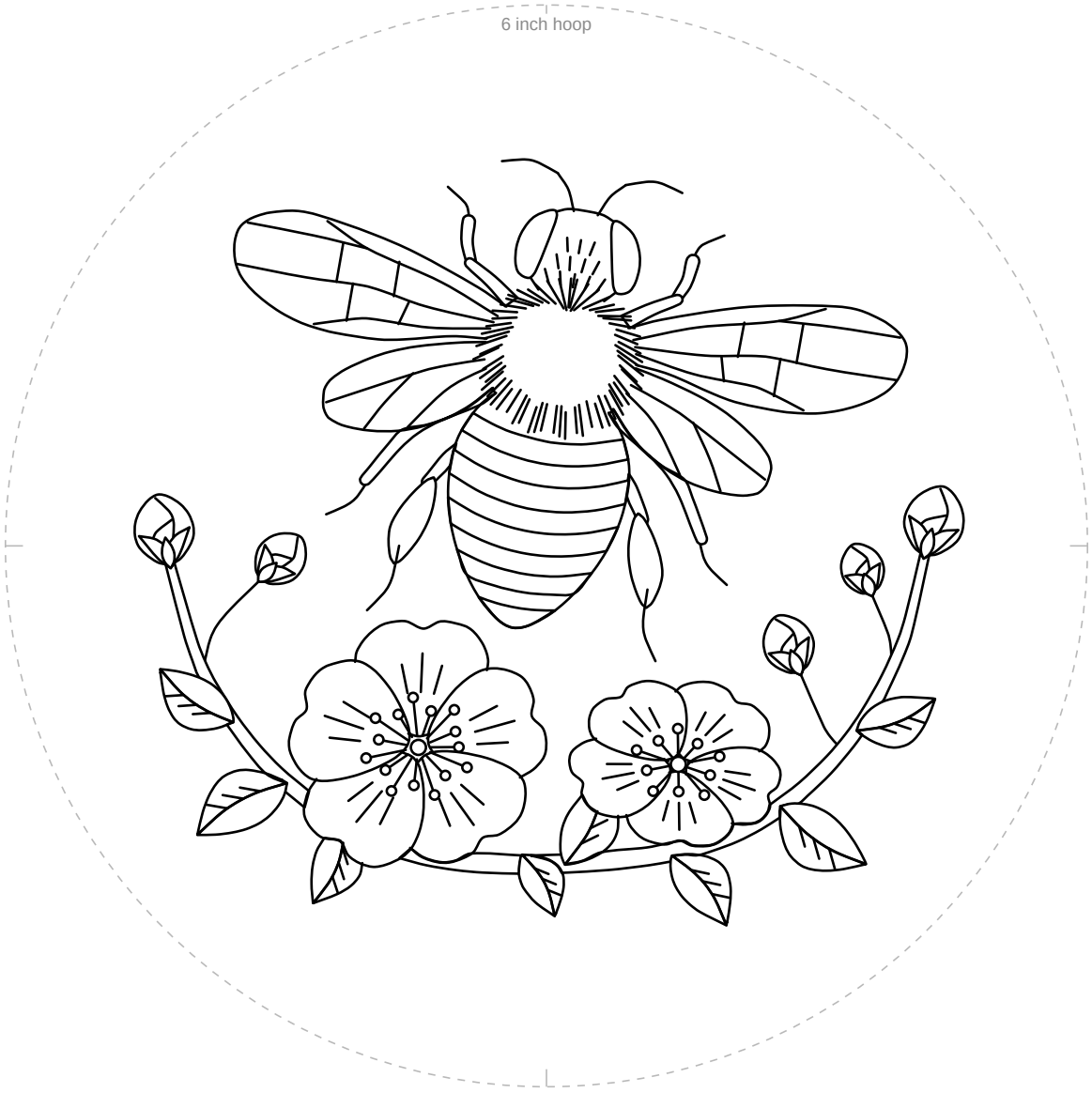
6 inch hoop

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.



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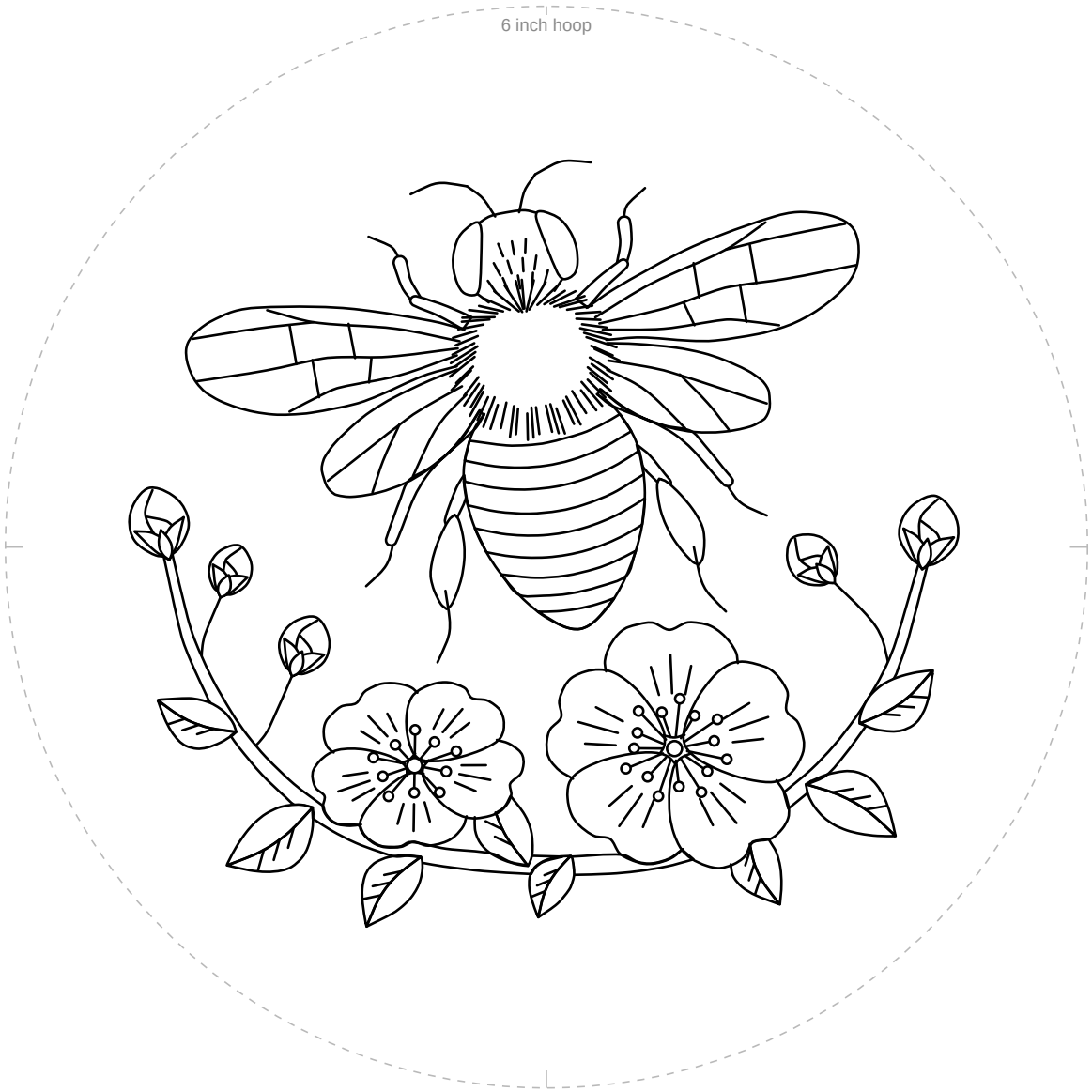
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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