Italian greyhound pair in violet

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.3 × 4.3 in (8.4 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

9 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: ground line
   2 strands: violet stems

2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: buds, sepals, tails, far legs, back, side, throat and chest, thighs, hind feet, front legs, collars, heads, noses, ears, violet petals
   1 strand: eye rims, eyes



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



4. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: frame
   1 strand: leaf veins

5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Contours

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: eye highlights, lines of the violet centers
   1 strand: violet veins



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the violet centers



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 3852 Very Dark Straw	**4**	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	**7**	DMC 210 Medium Lavender
2	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	**5**	DMC 29 Eggplant	**8**	DMC 24 White Lavender
3	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	**6**	DMC 32 Dark Blueberry	**9**	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold

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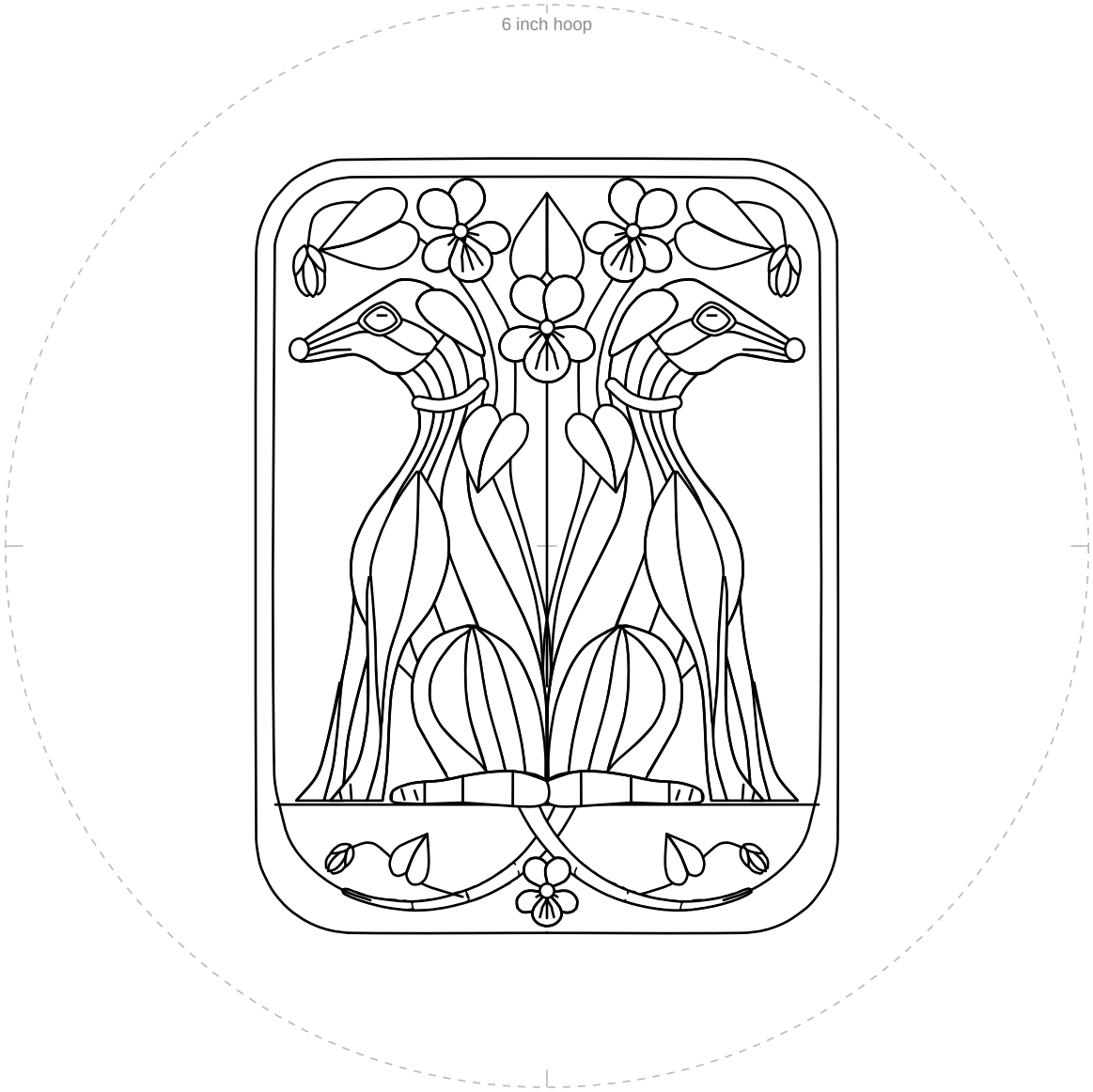
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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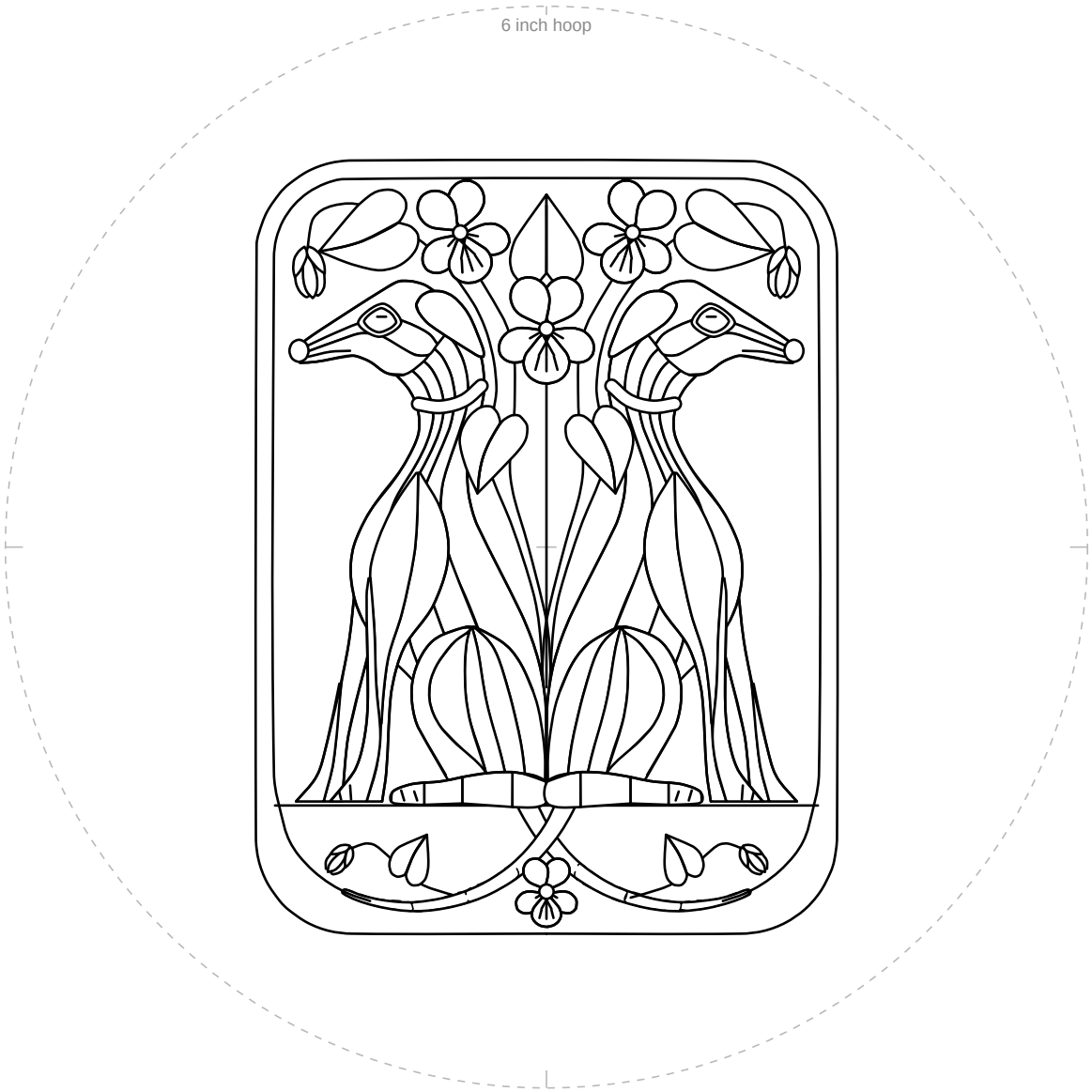
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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