January birth flower, carnation

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 3.7 in (10.7 × 9.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

12 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5
   Leaves



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
   Stems, petals, green cups (color 3), bud petals



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 4, 5
   Green cups (colors 4 and 5), month



4. **Buttonhole stitch**
   2 strands, color 1
   Scalloped edge



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 2
   Edge cord

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, colors 8, 10
   Petal fringe

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 BLANC White	**5**	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	**9**	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
2	DMC ECRU Ecru	**6**	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	**10**	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
3	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	**7**	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	**11**	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose
4	DMC 522 Fern Green	**8**	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	**12**	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green

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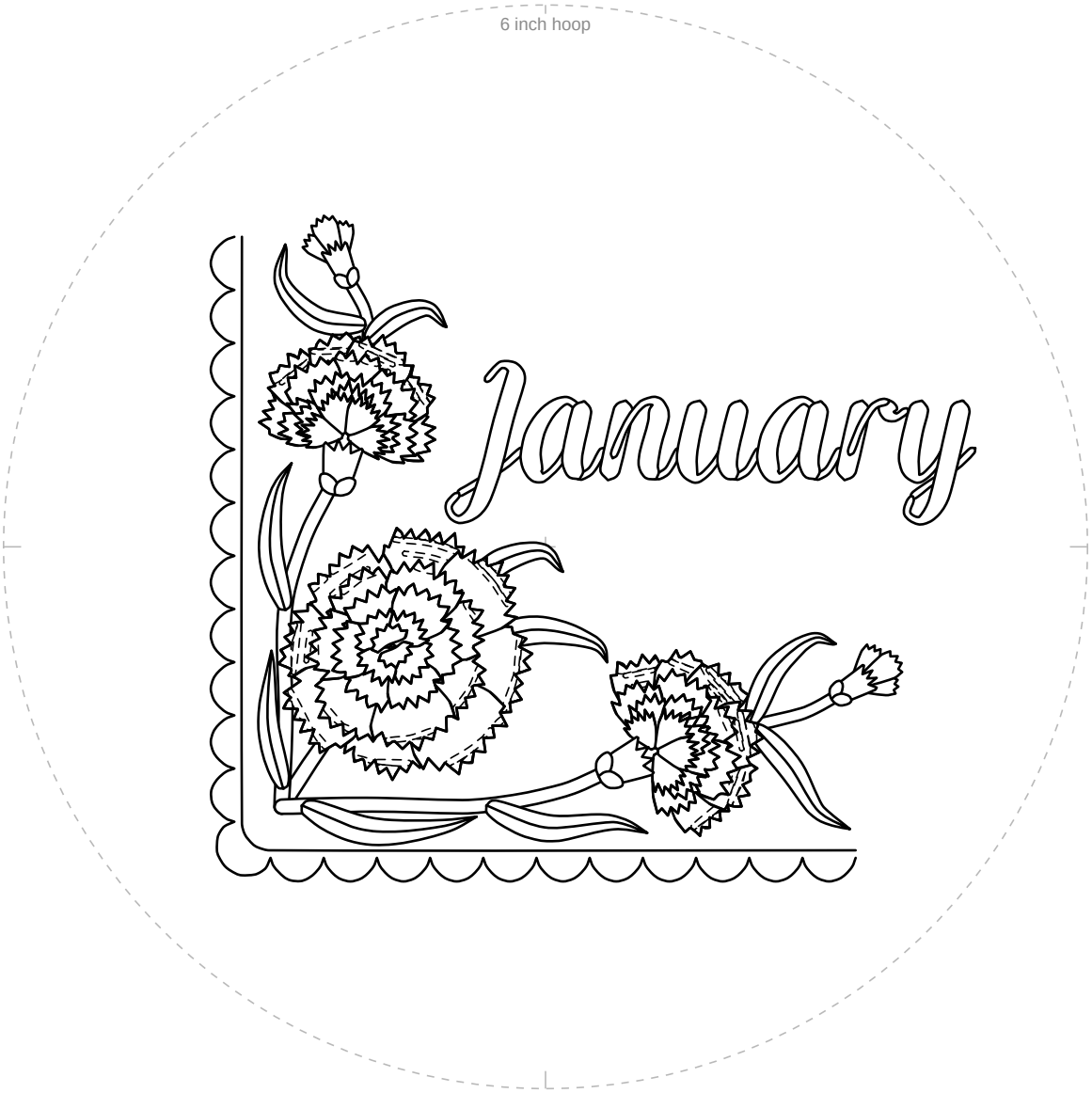
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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