June in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.7 in (12.2 × 11.9 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

17 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**, 4 strands
   Twigs
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Petals
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buds, sepals, star buds, letters
5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the leaves
   3 strands: flower stalks
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges
7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Filaments, petal folds
8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Flower stars
9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: bud tips, flower centers
   1 strand: stamen tips

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.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

June in laurel

6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	7	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	13	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
2	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	8	DMC 899 Medium Rose	14	DMC 3865 Winter White
3	DMC 469 Avocado Green	9	DMC 818 Baby Pink	15	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	10	DMC 335 Rose	16	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
5	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	11	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	17	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green
6	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	12	DMC 3326 Light Rose		

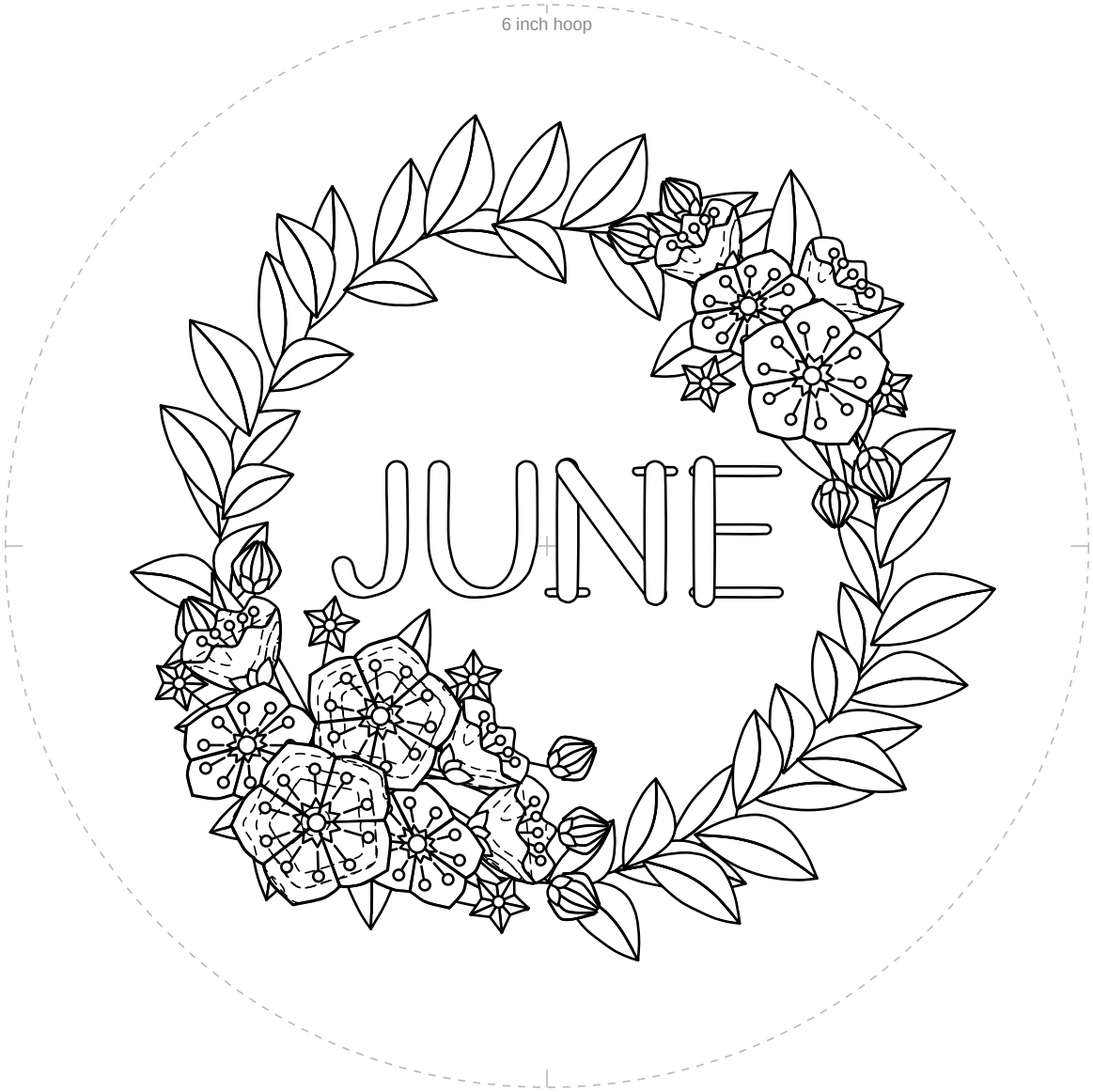
For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

June in laurel

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; 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%.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

June in laurel

6 inch hoop

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



1 in
25.4 mm

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

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.