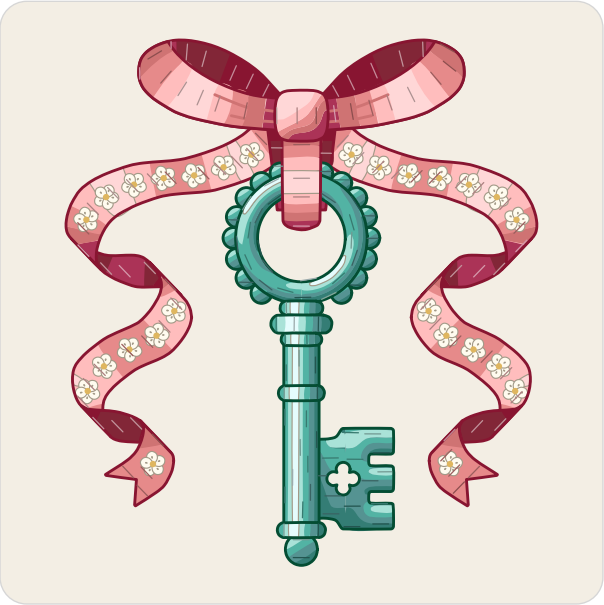
Key on a ribbon

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.6 in (10.4 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon reverse, ribbon, beads, collar rings, knot



2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bit, shaft, ring



3. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: ribbon edge
   1 strand: key edge, ribbon folds

4. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 1 strand
   Ribbon flowers



5. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Flower centers



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

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

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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 3803 Dark Mauve	6	DMC 962 Medium Dusty Rose	11	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green
2	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	7	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	12	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green
3	DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet	8	DMC 712 Cream	13	DMC 964 Light Seagreen
4	DMC 3716 Very Light Rose	9	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	14	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green
5	DMC 961 Dark Dusty Rose	10	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	15	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue

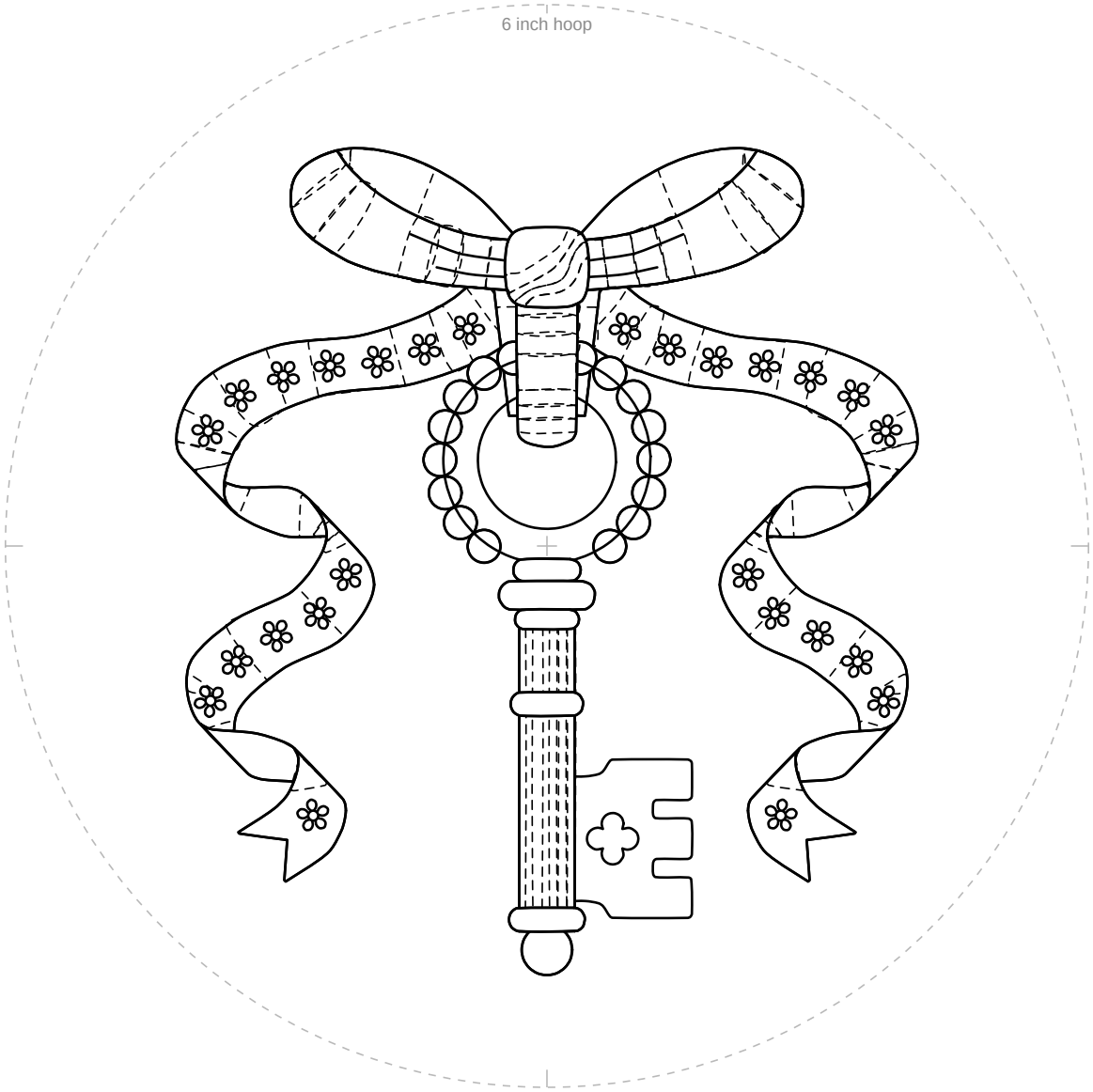
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6 inch hoop

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; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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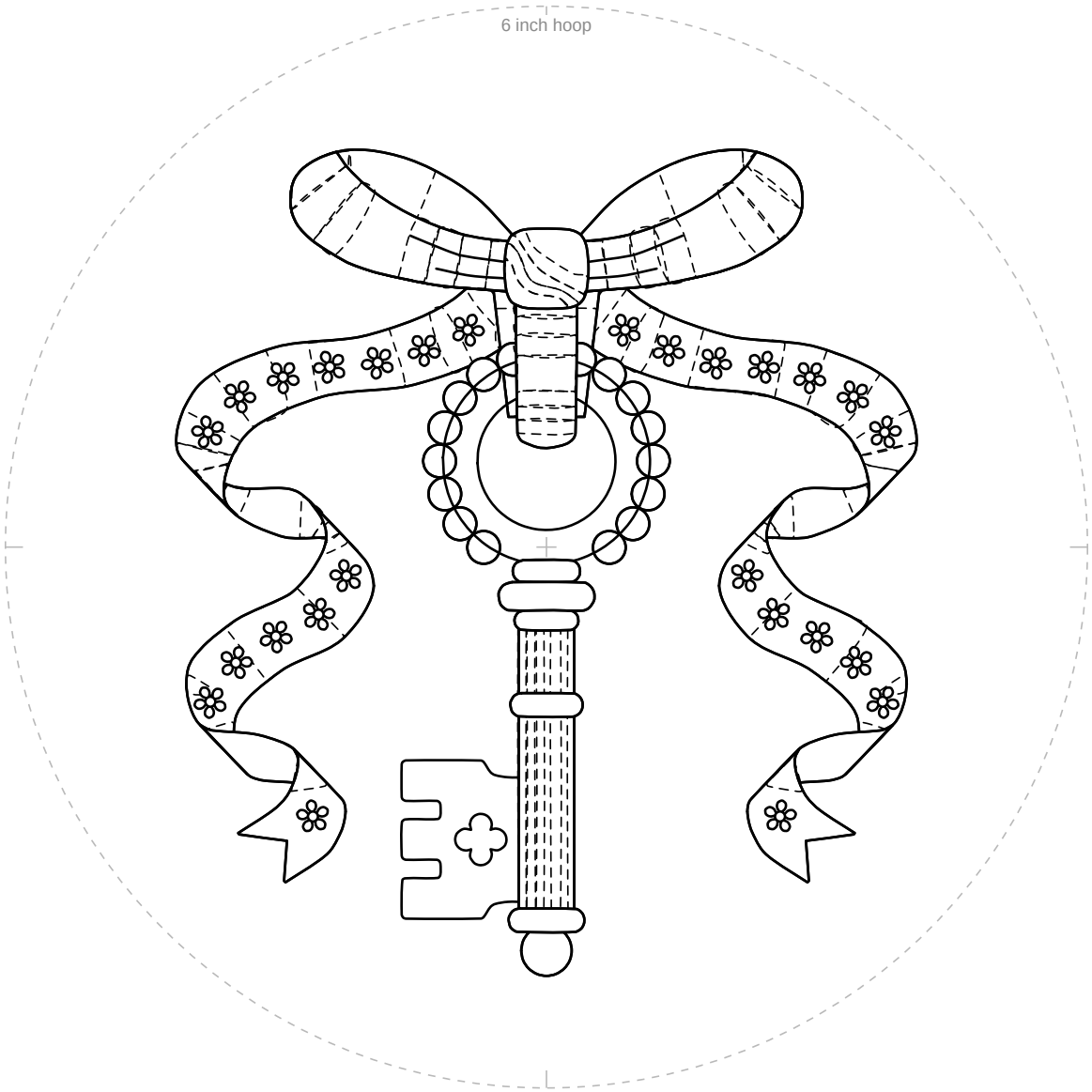
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