Cornflower laurel wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.4 in (11.4 × 11.2 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

18 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
   Laurel branches

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves, cornflower leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bud florets, cups, floret throats, outer florets, inner florets



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Flower centers



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Flower stems

6. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Cup scales



7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Stamens



8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Pollen, knots of the flower 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 3362 Dark Pine Green	7	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	13	DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue
2	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue	8	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	14	DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue
3	DMC 797 Royal Blue	9	DMC 502 Blue Green	15	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
4	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	10	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	16	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
5	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	11	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	17	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
6	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	12	DMC 3053 Green Gray	18	DMC 153 Very Light Violet

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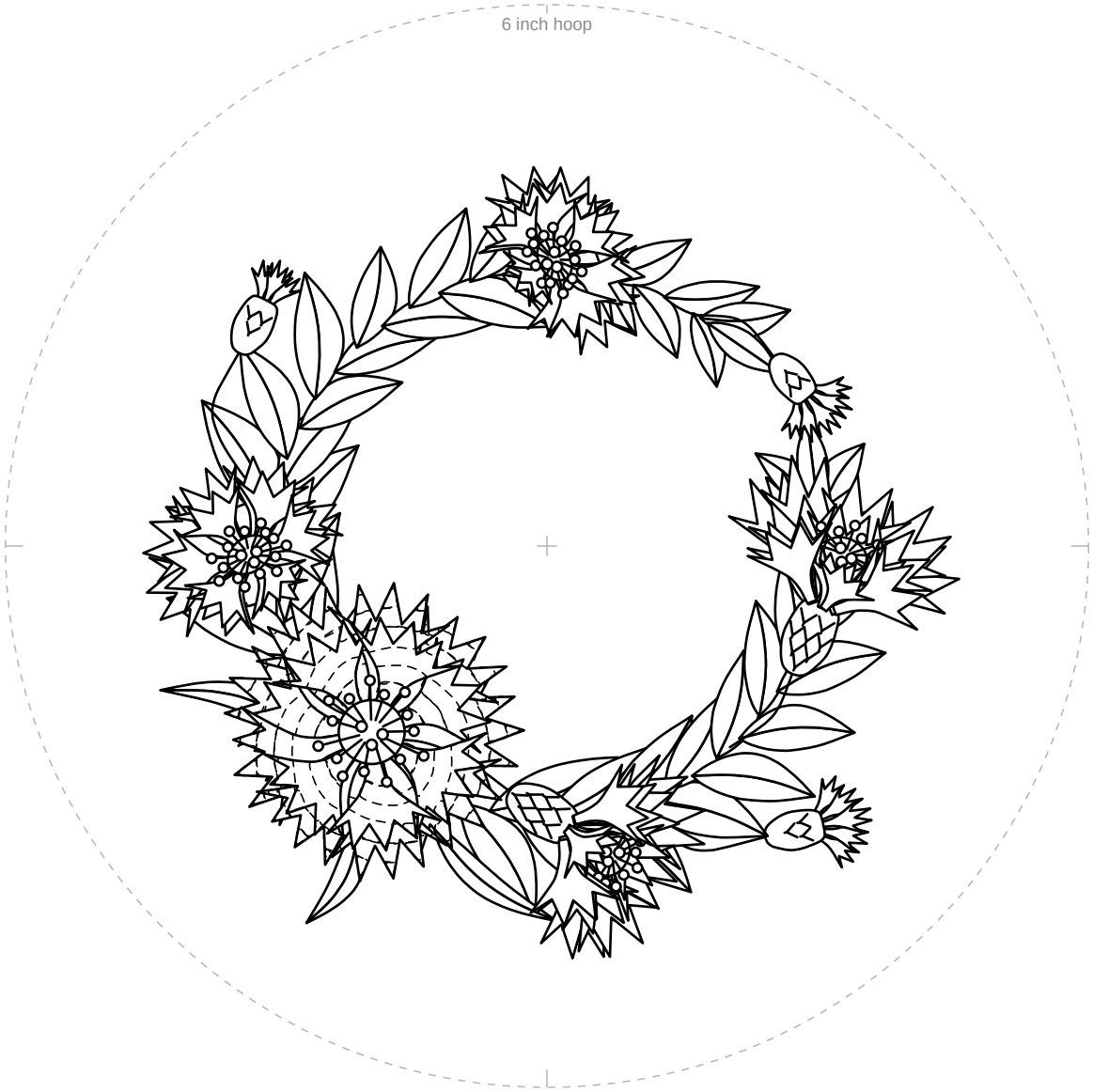
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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

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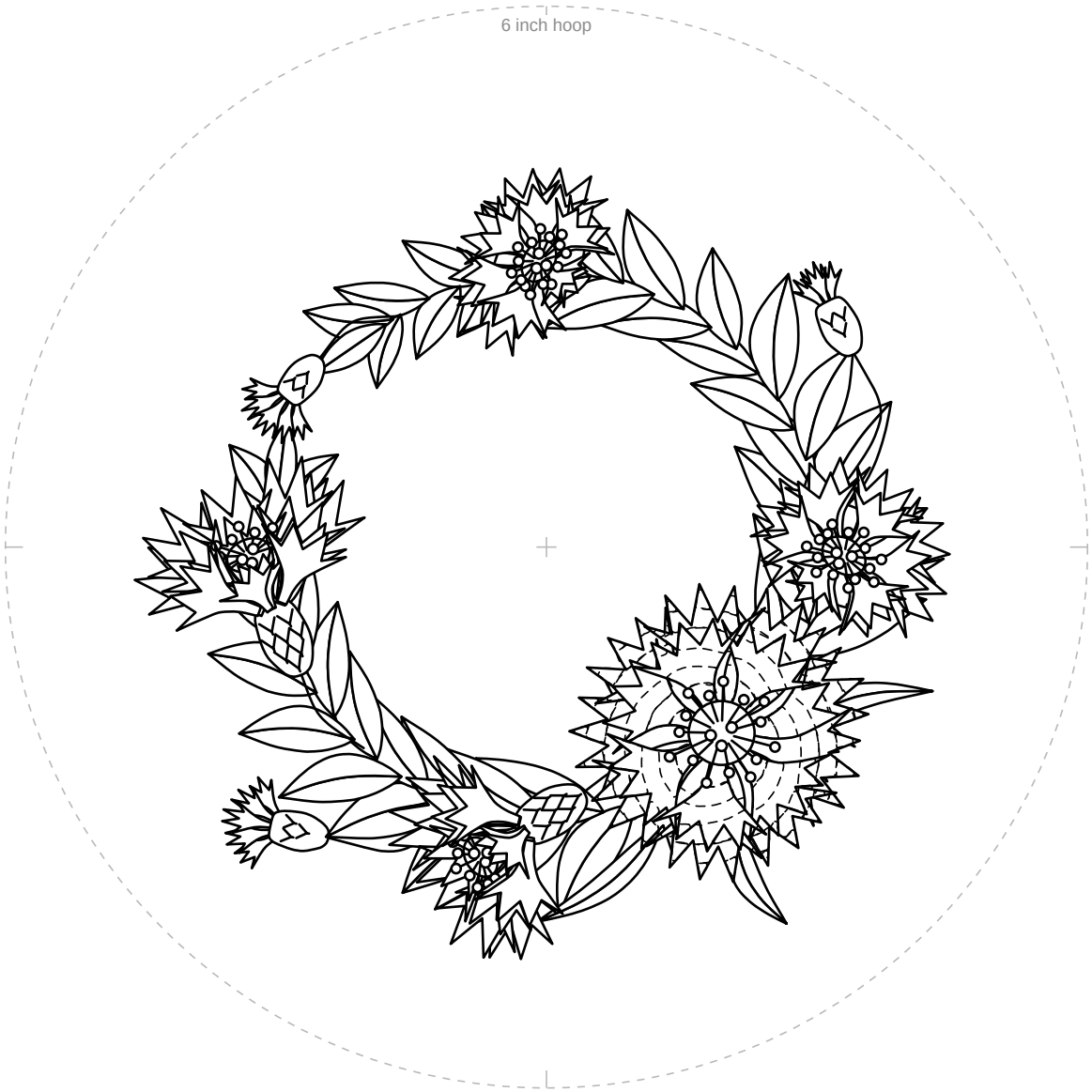
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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