Forget-me-not laurel wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.8 in (11.7 × 12.2 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.

19 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 stems
   2 strands: forget-me-not stems

2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Flower stalks

3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves, forget-me-not leaves



4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ribbon, forget-me-nots



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buds, ribbon fold, ribbon knot, flower eyes



6. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the laurel leaves

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: sepals, petal notches
   2 strands: white stars



8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Knots of the flower eyes



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 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	8	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	15	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue
2	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	9	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	16	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue
3	DMC 3364 Pine Green	10	DMC 3687 Mauve	17	DMC 3865 Winter White
4	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	11	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	18	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
5	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	12	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	19	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
6	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	13	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue		
7	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue	14	DMC 3755 Baby Blue		

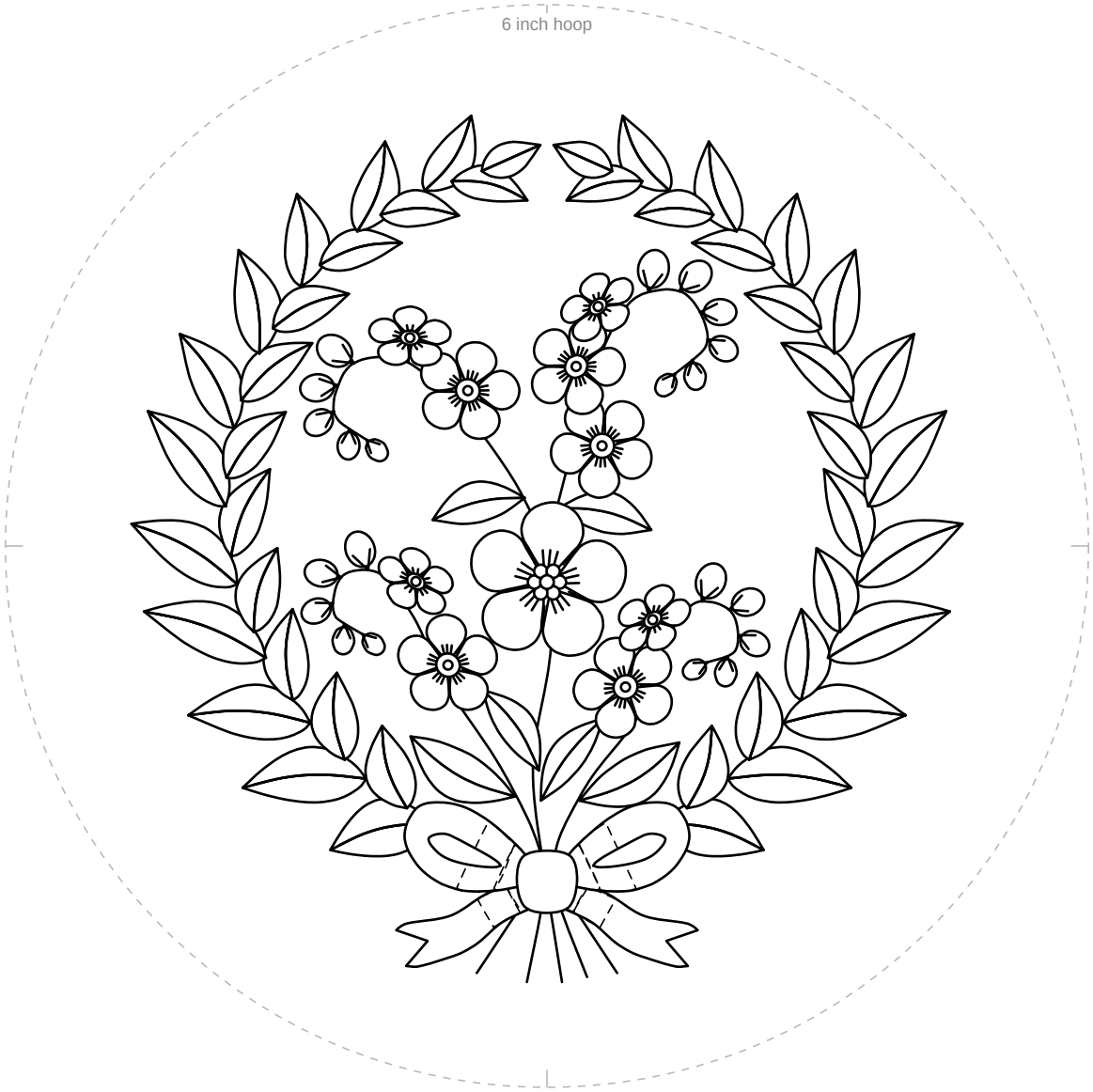
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6 inch hoop

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



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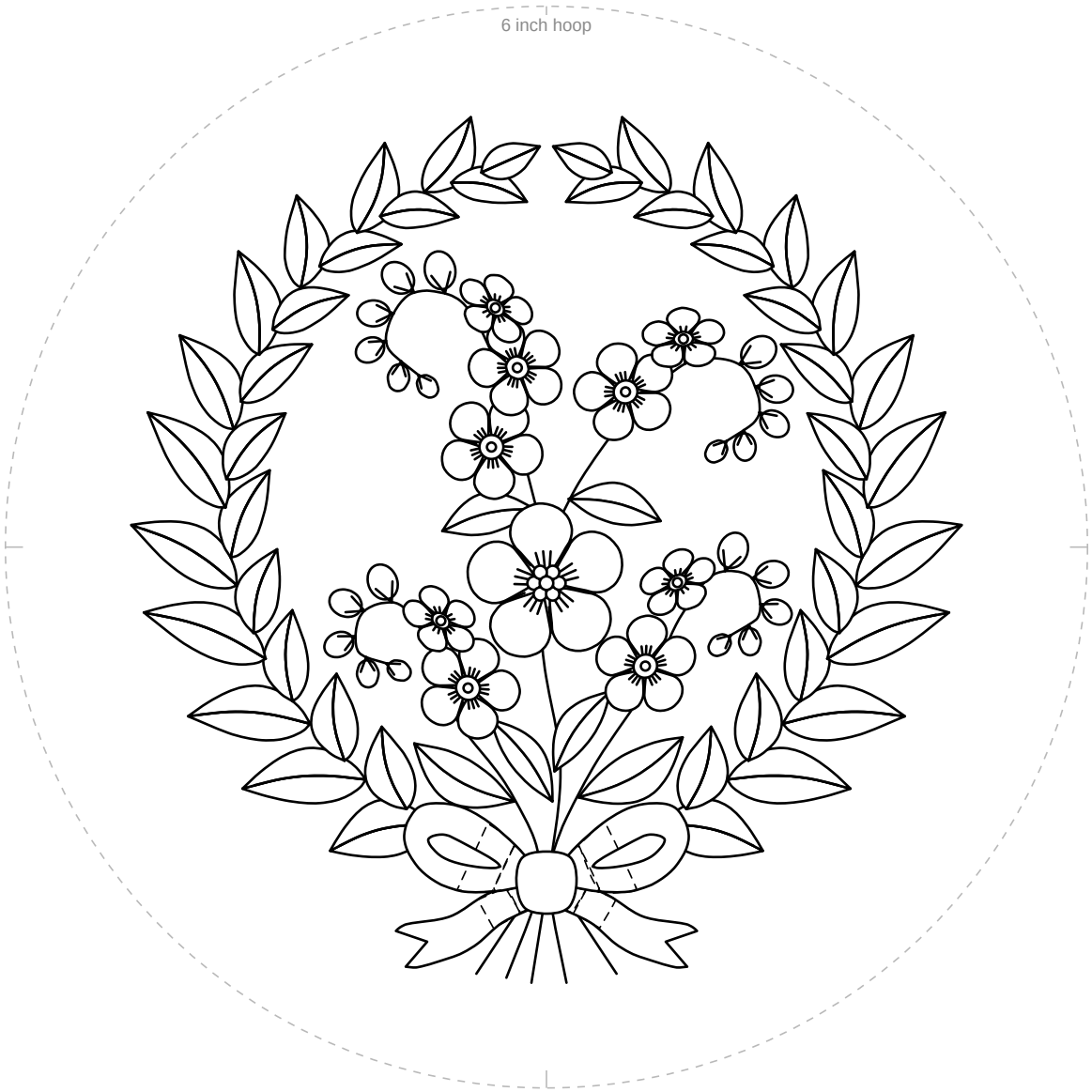
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