Gerbera laurel wreath

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

20 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.

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. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4
   Laurel leaves



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18
   Flower stalks, orange bud, under rays, orange bud, near rays, flower cups, sepals, magenta bud, under rays, magenta bud, near rays, orange gerbera, under rays, gold gerbera, under rays, gold gerbera, eye, magenta gerbera, under rays, magenta gerbera, eye, cream gerbera, under rays, cream gerbera, eye, scarlet gerbera, under rays, scarlet gerbera, eye



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20
   Orange bud, rays, magenta bud, rays, orange gerbera, rays, orange gerbera, near rays, gold gerbera, rays, magenta gerbera, rays, cream gerbera, rays, scarlet gerbera, rays



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 3
   Leaf veins

5. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands, color 7
   Wreath cord



6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 11, 13, 16
   Gold gerbera, fringe, magenta gerbera, fringe, cream gerbera, fringe, scarlet gerbera, fringe



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 4, 17
   Knots of the gold gerbera, eye, gold gerbera, ring, knots of the magenta gerbera, eye, magenta gerbera, ring, knots of the cream gerbera, eye, cream gerbera, ring, knots of the scarlet gerbera, eye, scarlet gerbera, ring



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.



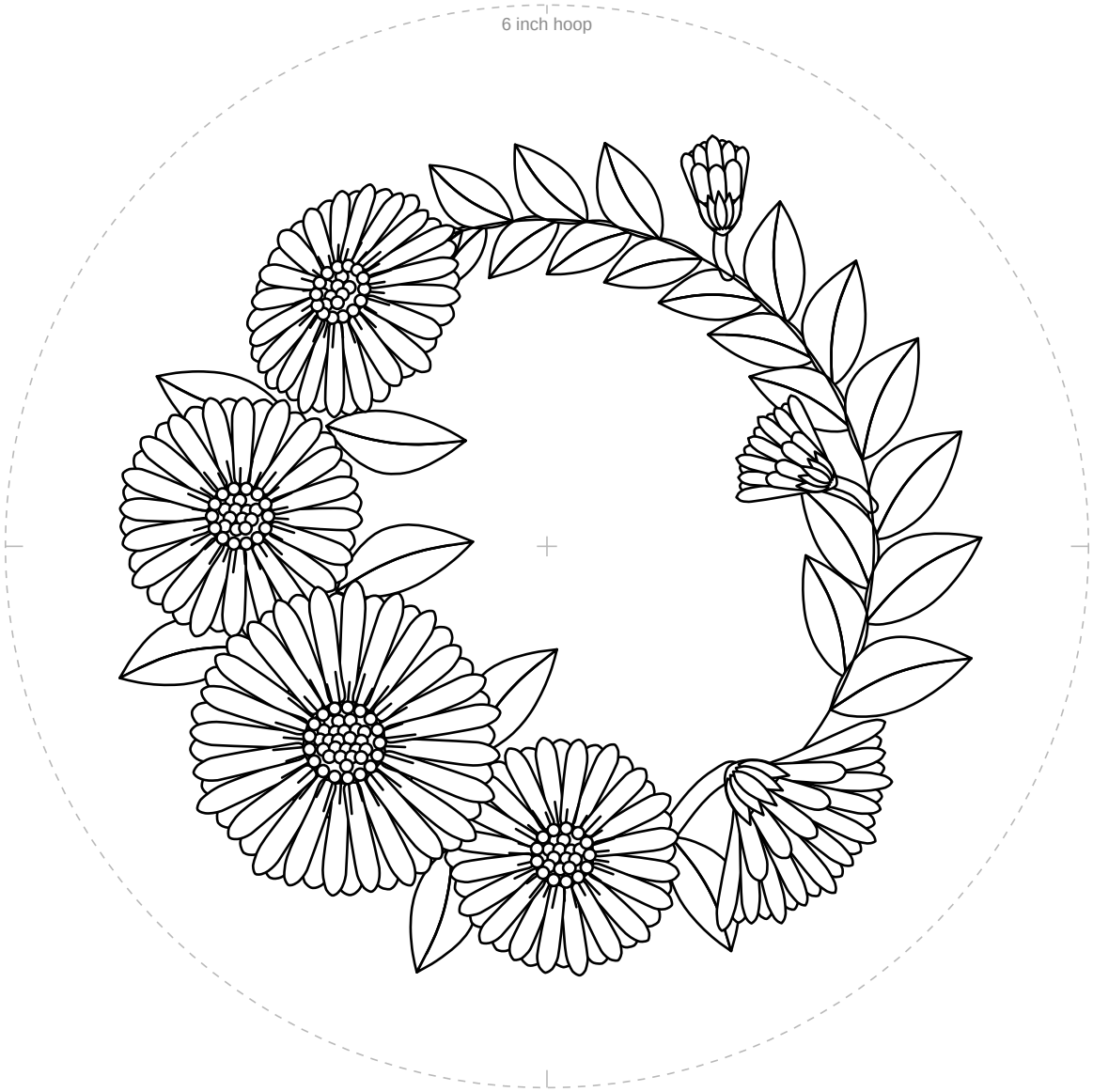
1	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	8	DMC 915 Dark Plum	15	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 469 Avocado Green	9	DMC 3805 Cyclamen Pink	16	DMC 951 Light Tawny
3	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	10	DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink	17	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green	11	DMC 3341 Apricot	18	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold
5	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	12	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	19	DMC 746 Off White
6	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	13	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	20	DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red
7	DMC 608 Bright Orange	14	DMC 782 Dark Topaz		

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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