Hibiscus half wreath

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

22 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. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: laurel stems
   4 strands: main stem

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves, young leaf, green cup



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Hibiscus leaves, bud, pink petals, throat (colors 8 and 9), coral petals



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Flower stems, pink column, throat (color 9), coral column



5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: edges of the laurel leaves
   2 strands: leaf veins (color 6), edges of the green cup
   3 strands: bud stem

6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins (colors 5 and 6), bud rims, pink petals veins, pink petals rims, coral petals veins, coral petals rims
   2 strands: pink column shadow, coral column shadow

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: filaments
   2 strands: lines of the stigma



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: gold stamen tips
   2 strands: knots of the stigma



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 502 Blue Green	9	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	17	DMC 818 Baby Pink
2	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	10	DMC 349 Dark Coral	18	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
3	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	11	DMC 352 Light Coral	19	DMC 744 Pale Yellow
4	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	12	DMC 350 Medium Coral	20	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
5	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	13	DMC 351 Coral	21	DMC 742 Light Tangerine
6	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	14	DMC 309 Ultra Very Dark Rose	22	DMC 353 Peach
7	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	15	DMC 899 Medium Rose		
8	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	16	DMC 3326 Light Rose		

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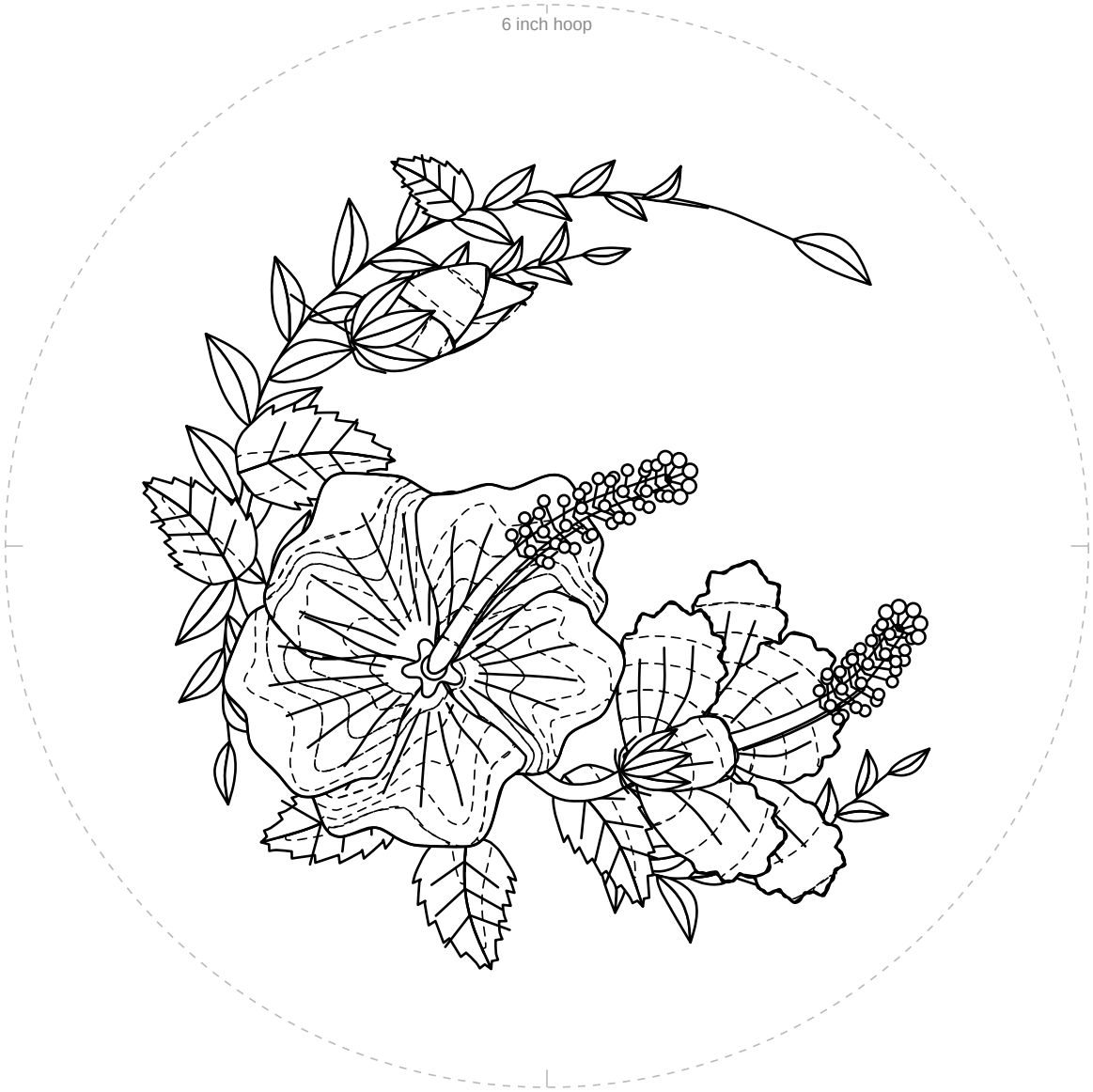
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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