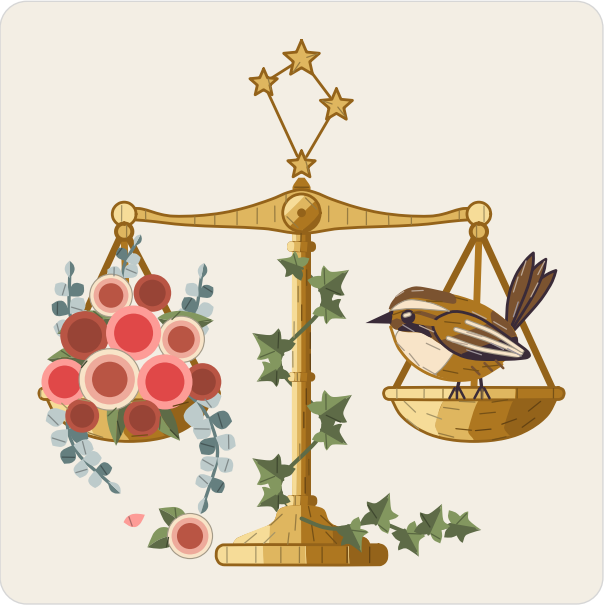
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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



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.

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

16 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. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Star lines
2. **Chain stitch**, 1 strand
   Chains
3. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: ivy stem
   2 strands: eucalyptus stems, wren legs
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Pillar, foot (color 3), pans, wren tail, wren breast, wren back, wren wing, wren crown
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stars, finial, pillar rings, foot (color 5), beam, beam hub, beam ends, hooks, eucalyptus leaves (colors 6 and 7), pan rims, wren bill, eye stripe, wren brow, wren eye, fallen petals, ivy leaves
6. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Eucalyptus leaves (colors 6 and 7), rose leaves
7. **Woven wheel stitch**, 4 strands
   Woven roses
8. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Edges of the hooks
9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Star edges, brass edges, feather lines, breast edge
10. **Straight stitch**
    2 strands: wren toes
    1 strand: eye highlight, flank bars, ivy veins
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Knots of the beam hub

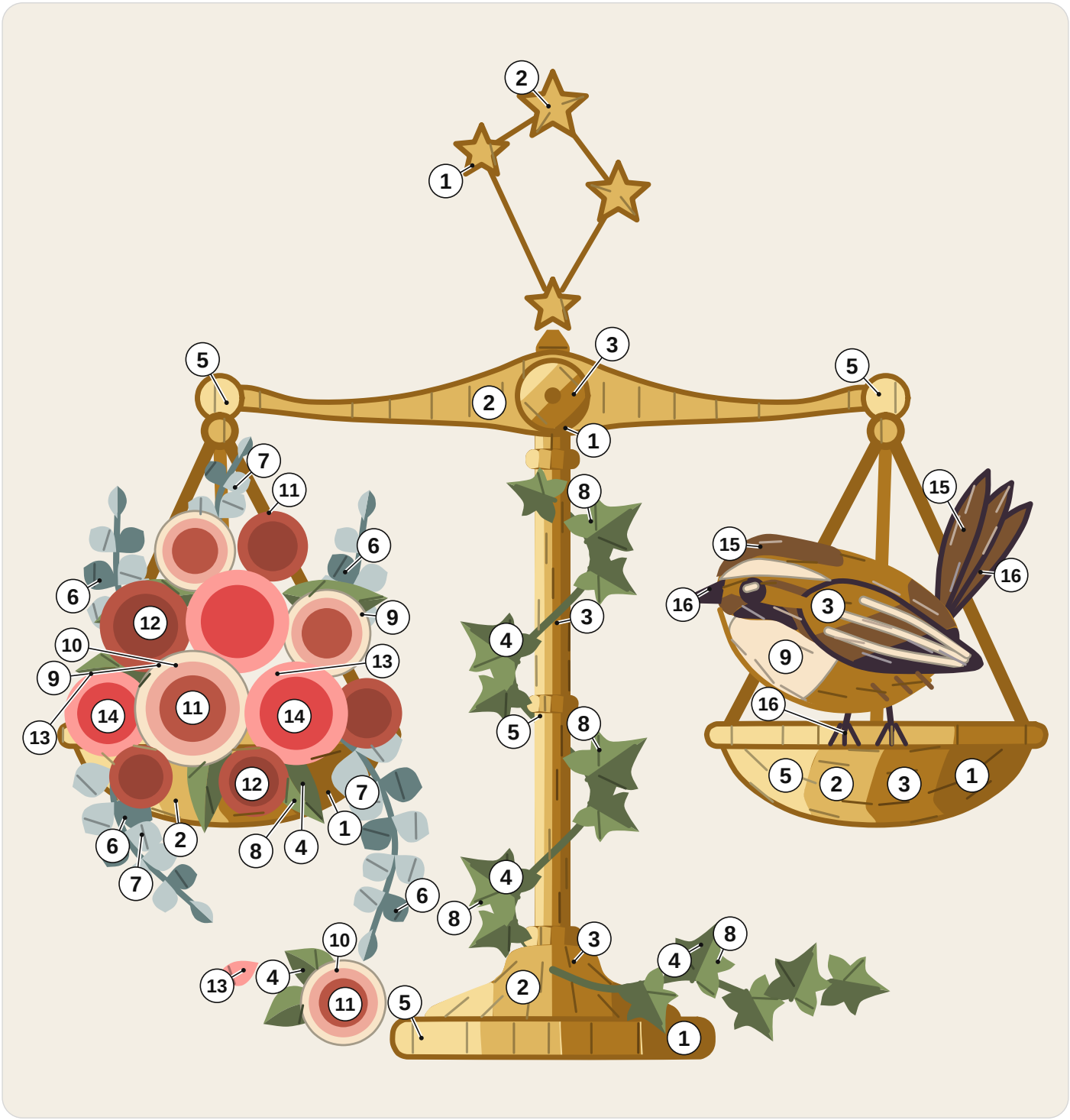
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	7	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	13	DMC 352 Light Coral
2	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	8	DMC 3364 Pine Green	14	DMC 350 Medium Coral
3	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	9	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	15	DMC 433 Medium Brown
4	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	10	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	11	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta		
6	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	12	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta		

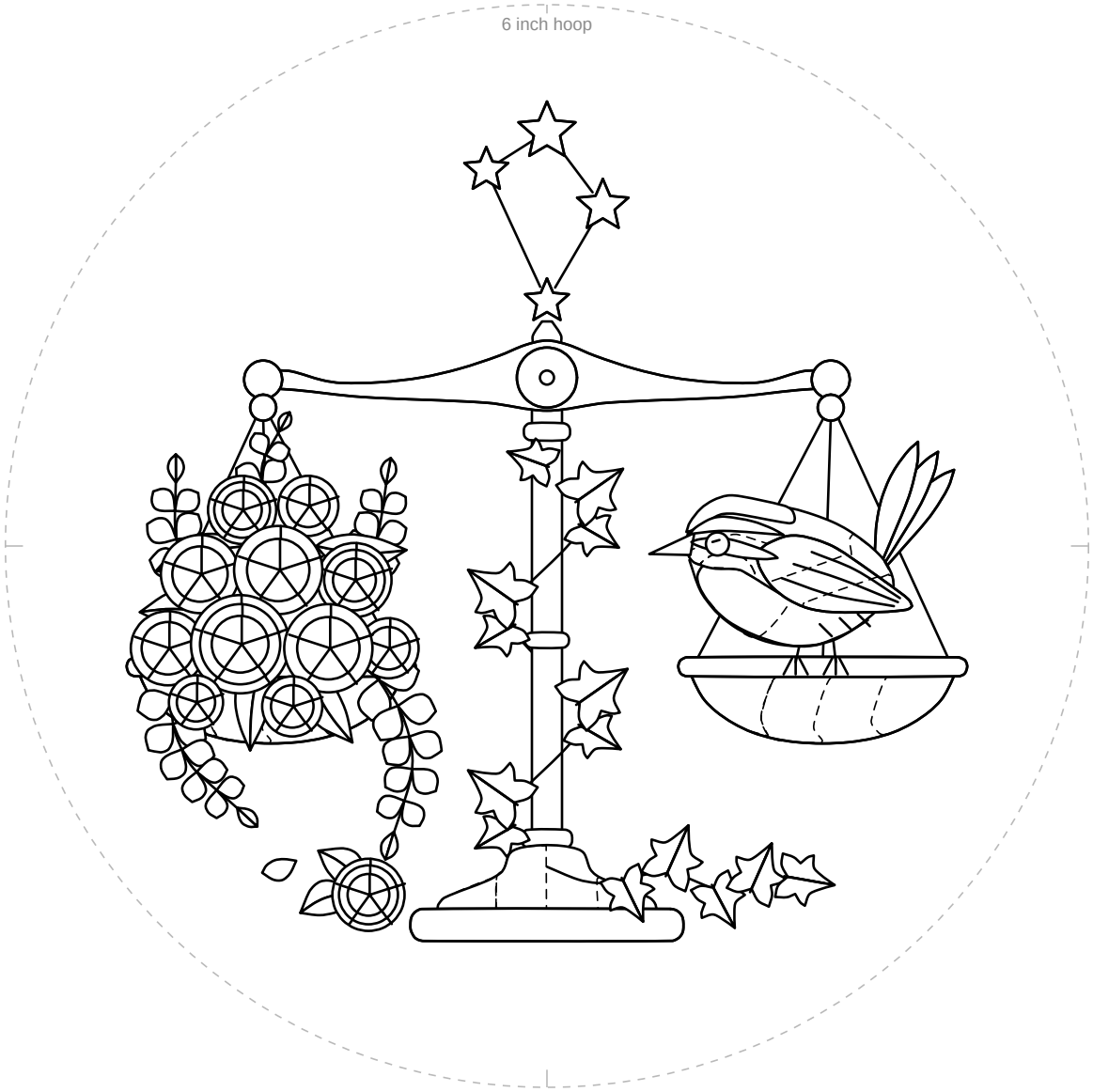
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6 inch hoop

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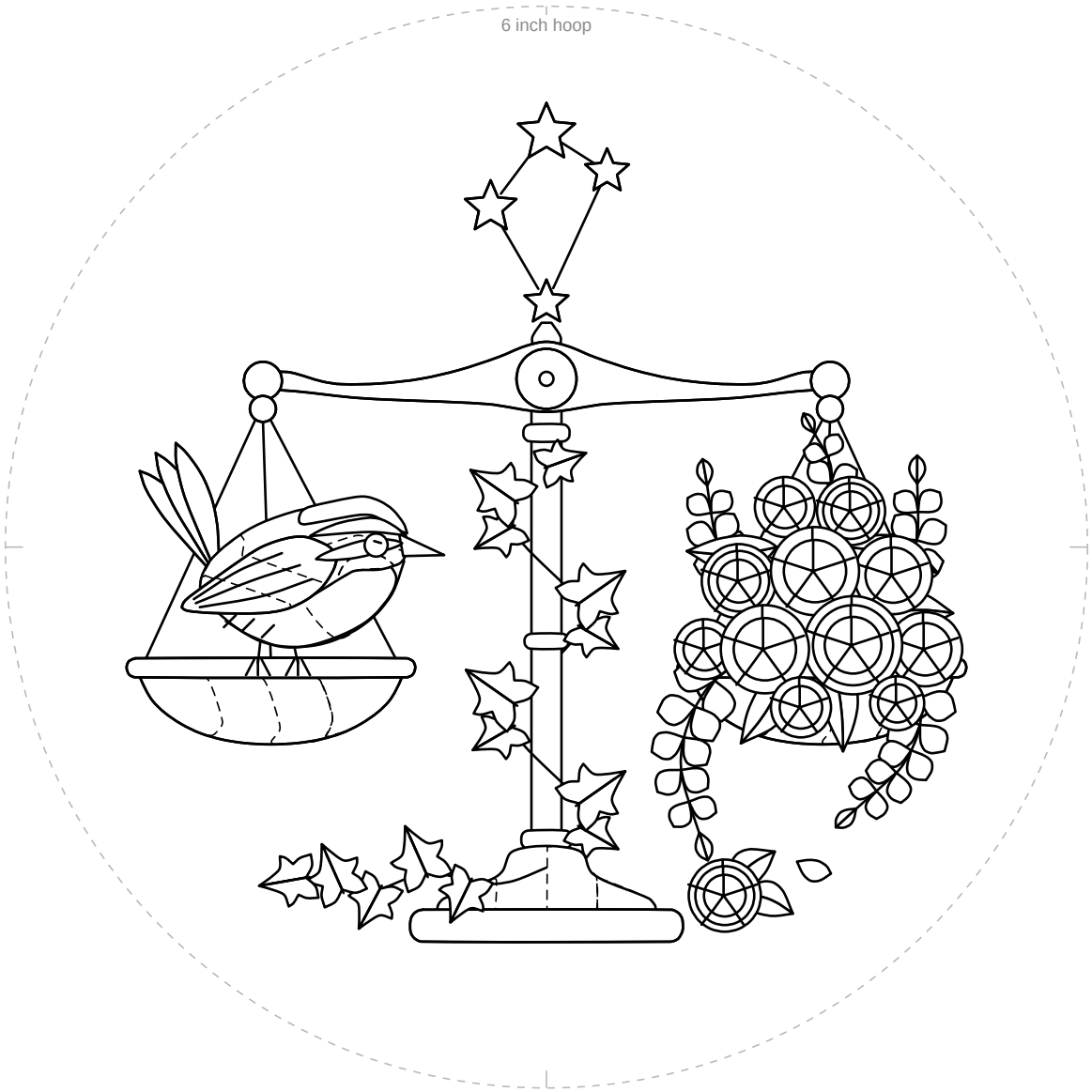
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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