Lightning bolt

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.4 in (10.7 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Small blue flowers, flower hearts, daisy petals, daisy hearts, stars
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Marigold petals, cosmos petals, rose petals
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Small blue flowers, petal veins, star rays
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Marigold petals, cosmos petals, rose petals
6. **Stem stitch**, 3 to 4 strands
   Bolt edge
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Small flower hearts, flower hearts, daisy hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 502 Blue Green** Leaves (middle)
- **2 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Leaves (darkest)
- **3 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green** Leaves (light)
- **4 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green** Leaves (dark)
- **5 DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green**
  Leaves (lightest), flower hearts (light)
- **6 DMC 159 Light Gray Blue**
  Small blue flowers (lighter)
- **7 DMC 161 Gray Blue** Small blue flowers (darker)
- **8 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Marigold petals (middle), daisy hearts (lighter), small flower hearts
- **9 DMC 744 Pale Yellow** Marigold petals (light)
- **10 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Bolt edge and daisy hearts (darker), marigold petals and flower hearts (dark)
- **11 DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve**
  Cosmos petals (dark), flower hearts (darkest)
- **12 DMC 3865 Winter White** Daisy petals
- **13 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Bolt edge (lighter), petal veins and star rays, flower hearts (lightest)
- **14 DMC 3713 Very Light Salmon**
  Cosmos petals (light)
- **15 DMC 761 Light Salmon**
  Cosmos petals (middle), rose petals (lightest)
- **16 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Rose petals (darkest)
- **17 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon** Rose petals (dark)
- **18 DMC 351 Coral** Rose petals (middle)
- **19 DMC 352 Light Coral** Rose petals (light)
- **20 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Stars

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

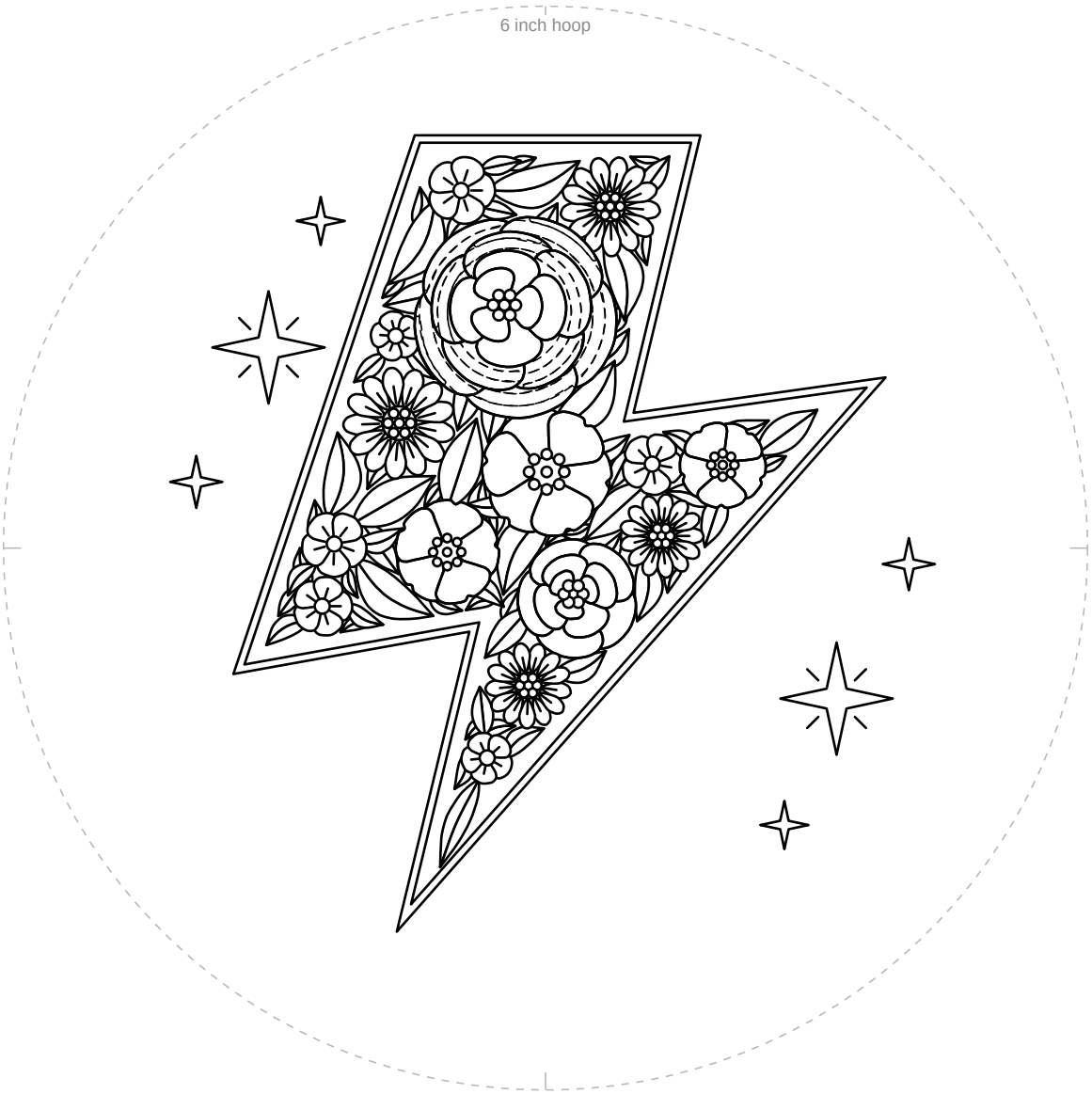
French knot. 2 strands: small flower hearts; 1 strand: flower hearts, daisy hearts.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

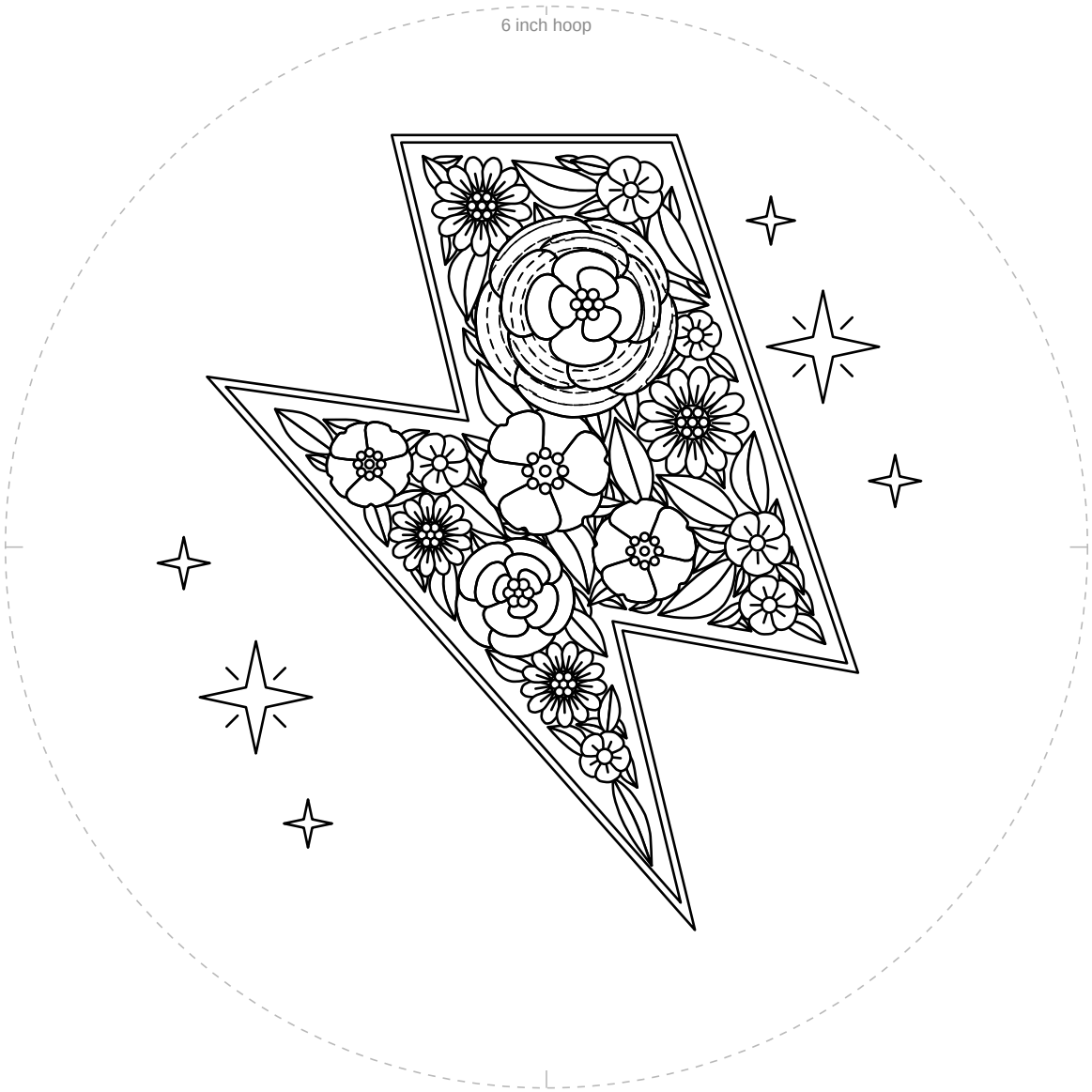
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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25.4 mm

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