Lilac and cherry blossom crescent wreath

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.5 in (11.7 × 11.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Heart leaves, lilac shadows
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cherry twig, lilac branch, lilac florets, cherry sepals, cherry petals, falling petals
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Cherry leaves
4. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cherry buds
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, cherry twig
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Lilac buds, floret hearts, anthers

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 522 Fern Green** Heart leaves (middle)
- **2 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Heart leaves (light), leaf veins, cherry leaves (lighter)
- **3 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Heart leaves (dark), cherry leaves (darker)
- **4 DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand**
  Cherry twig
- **5 DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige**
  Lilac branch and cherry sepals
- **6 DMC 29 Eggplant**
  Lilac shadows and floret hearts, lilac buds (darkest)
- **7 DMC 209 Dark Lavender**
  Lilac florets (dark), lilac buds (light)
- **8 DMC 210 Medium Lavender**
  Lilac florets (light), lilac buds (lightest)
- **9 DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender**
  Lilac buds (dark), lilac florets (darkest)
- **10 DMC 211 Light Lavender** Lilac florets (lightest)
- **11 DMC 3689 Light Mauve**
  Cherry petals and cherry buds (light), falling petals (middle)
- **12 DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Stamens, cherry petals (darkest), cherry buds (dark)
- **13 DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Petal edges, cherry petals and falling petals (dark), cherry buds (middle)
- **14 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Anthers
- **15 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink**
  Cherry petals (lightest), falling petals (light)

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

Stem stitch. 3 strands: cherry twig; 1 or 2 strands: leaf veins.
French knot. 2 strands: lilac buds; 1 or 2 strands: anthers; 1 strand: floret hearts.

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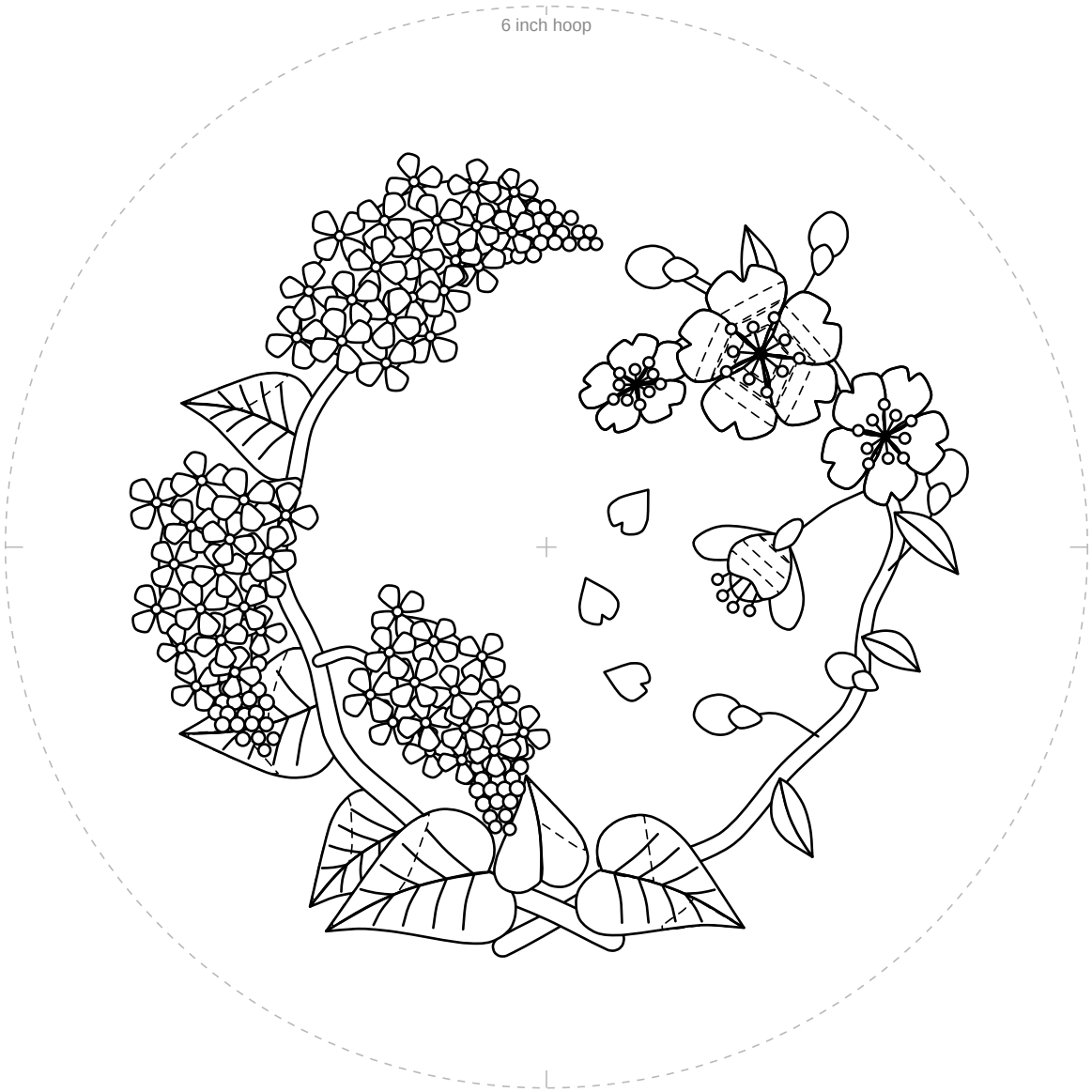
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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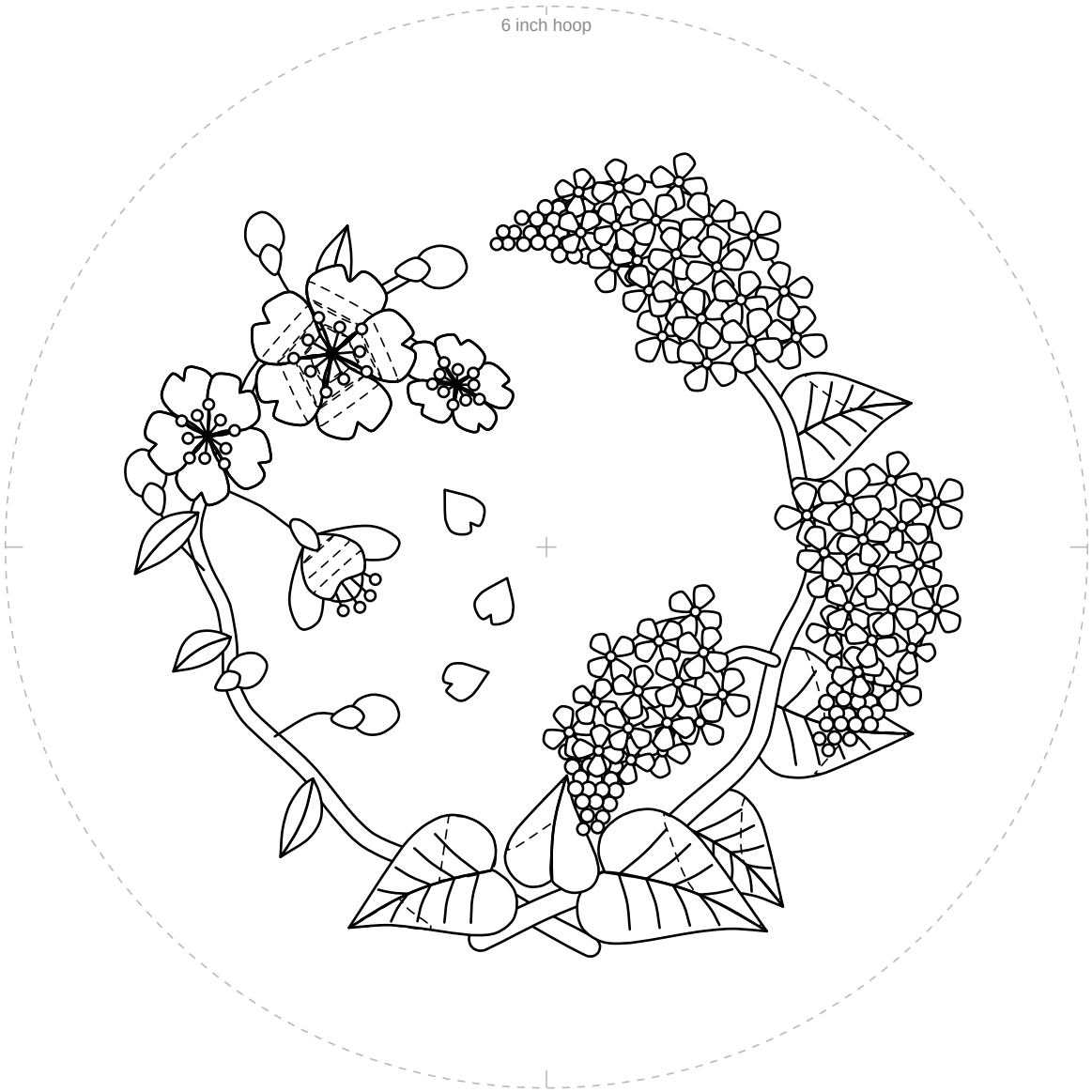
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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