Sea lavender

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.6 in (11.4 × 11.7 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 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. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: lines of the stems
   2 strands: branches
   1 strand: twigs

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Salt marsh mud, copper wings



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buds, papery cups, lavender petals, stems, leaves, turned leaf edges, butterfly wings, copper bands



4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Cup ribs, flower lights, lines of the feelers



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: mud gleam
   1 strand: leaf veins

6. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: flower centers, wing spots, knots of the feelers
   2 strands: knots of the butterfly body



7. **Bullion knot**, 3 strands
   Knots of the butterfly body



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

In a 6 inch hoop the 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.

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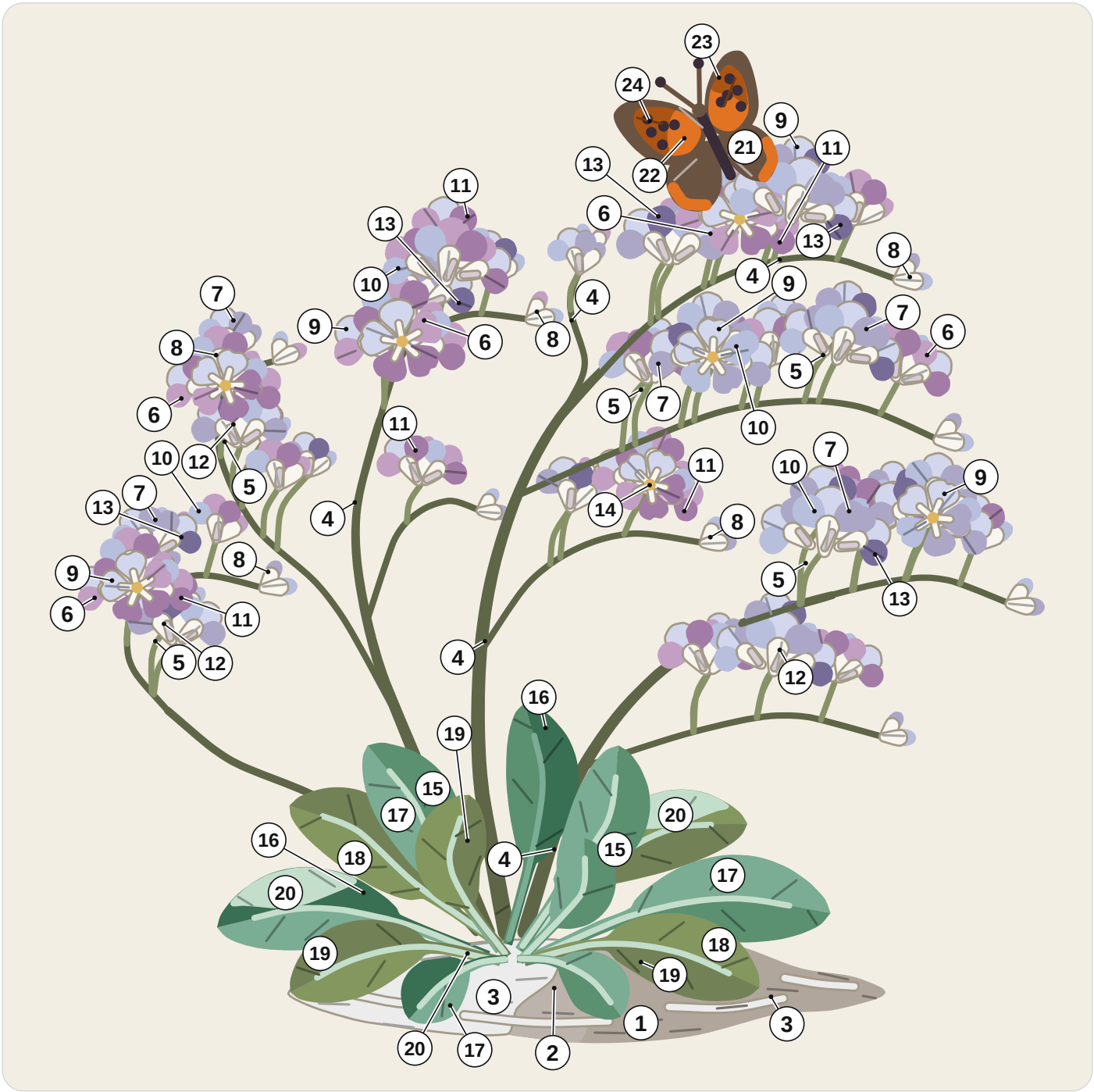
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray	9	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	17	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
2	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	10	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	18	DMC 3364 Pine Green
3	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	11	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	19	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
4	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	12	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	20	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green
5	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	13	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	21	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown
6	DMC 210 Medium Lavender	14	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	22	DMC 922 Light Copper
7	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	15	DMC 502 Blue Green	23	DMC 920 Medium Copper
8	DMC 3865 Winter White	16	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	24	DMC 3371 Black Brown

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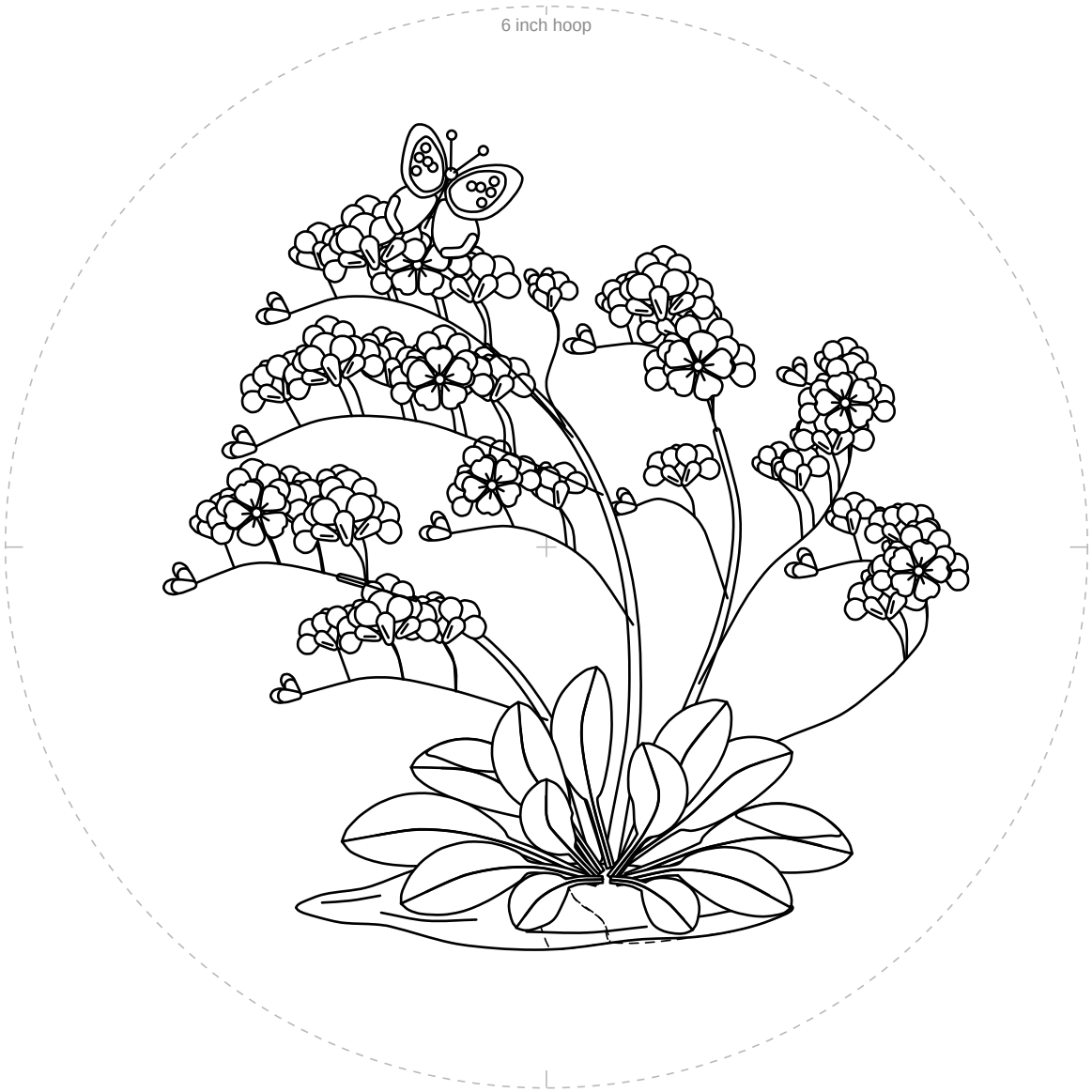
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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