Magic chain stitch sampler

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: charcoal 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**, 1 strand
   Hat crown, hat brim, bells, violet bloom petals, pink bloom petals
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Hat band, hat lining, brim edge, hat star, leaves, sunflower petals, large stars
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Star stitch**, 2 strands
   Sparks
5. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Hat edge
6. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
   Stems, tendrils, bell edges, violet bloom petals, violet bloom heart, sunflower heart, pink bloom petals, pink bloom heart
7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Large stars
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Violet bloom heart, sunflower heart, pink bloom heart

Floss

- **1 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray**
  Hat crown and hat brim (dark)
- **2 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray**
  Hat brim and hat crown (middle)
- **3 DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Hat brim and hat crown (light)
- **4 DMC BLANC White**
  Brim edge, pink bloom petals (lightest), pink bloom heart (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **5 DMC 602 Medium Cranberry**
  Pink bloom petals (dark), hat band (middle), pink bloom heart (darker)
- **6 DMC 150 Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose**
  Pink bloom petals (darkest), hat band (dark)
- **7 DMC 604 Light Cranberry**
  Pink bloom petals and hat band (light)
- **8 DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender**
  Violet bloom petals (middle), hat lining (lighter), violet bloom heart (darker)
- **9 DMC 552 Medium Violet**
  Hat lining (darker), violet bloom petals (dark)
- **10 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Sunflower petals (lighter), sunflower heart (light), hat star and 2 more parts
- **11 DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse**
  Stems, tendrils and leaves (lighter)
- **12 DMC 701 Light Green**
  Stems, leaves and tendrils (darker)
- **13 DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise**
  Bells and bell edges (darker)
- **14 DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise**
  Bells (lighter), sunflower heart (middle)
- **15 DMC 211 Light Lavender**
  Violet bloom petals (light), violet bloom heart (lighter)
- **16 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin**
  Sunflower petals (darker), sunflower heart (dark)

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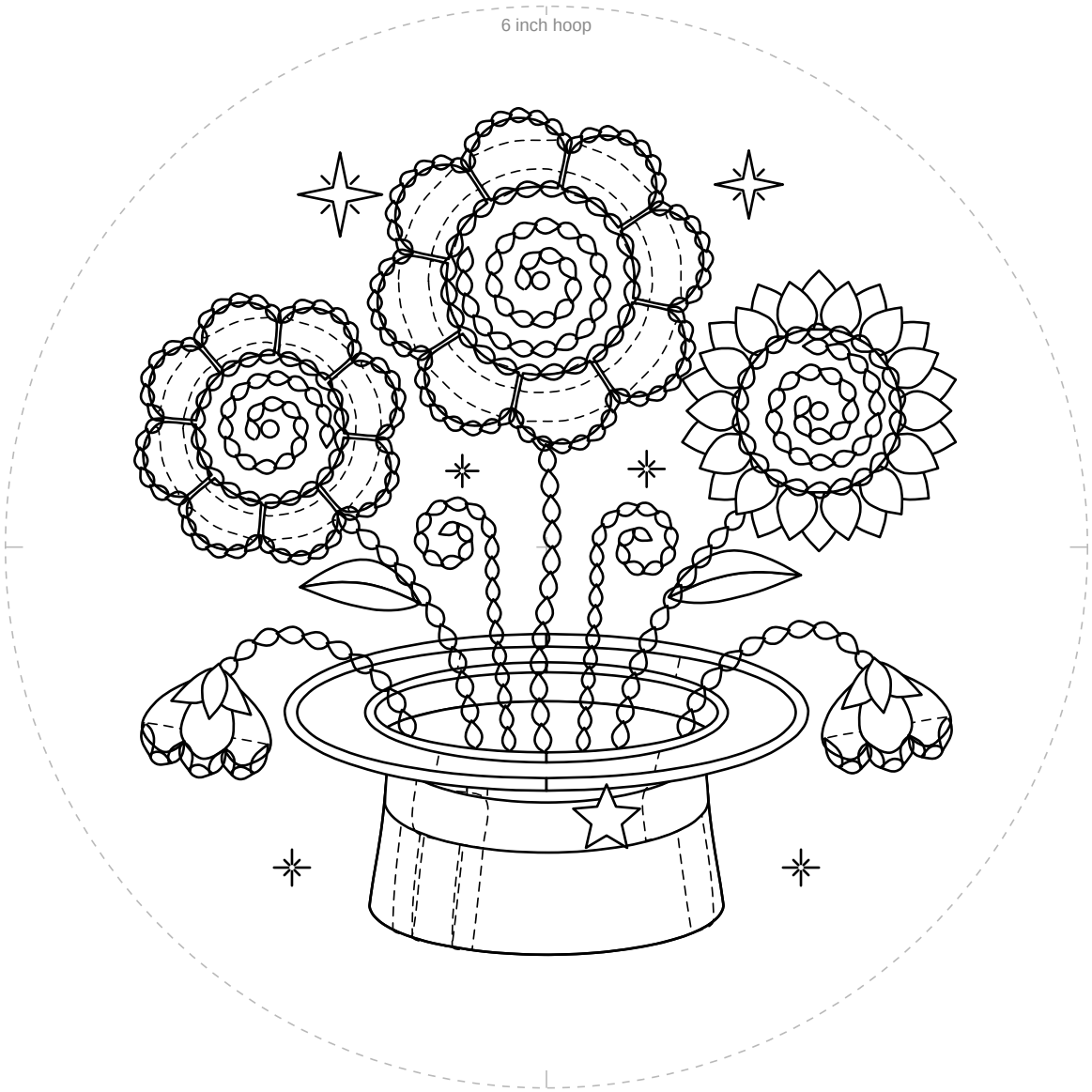
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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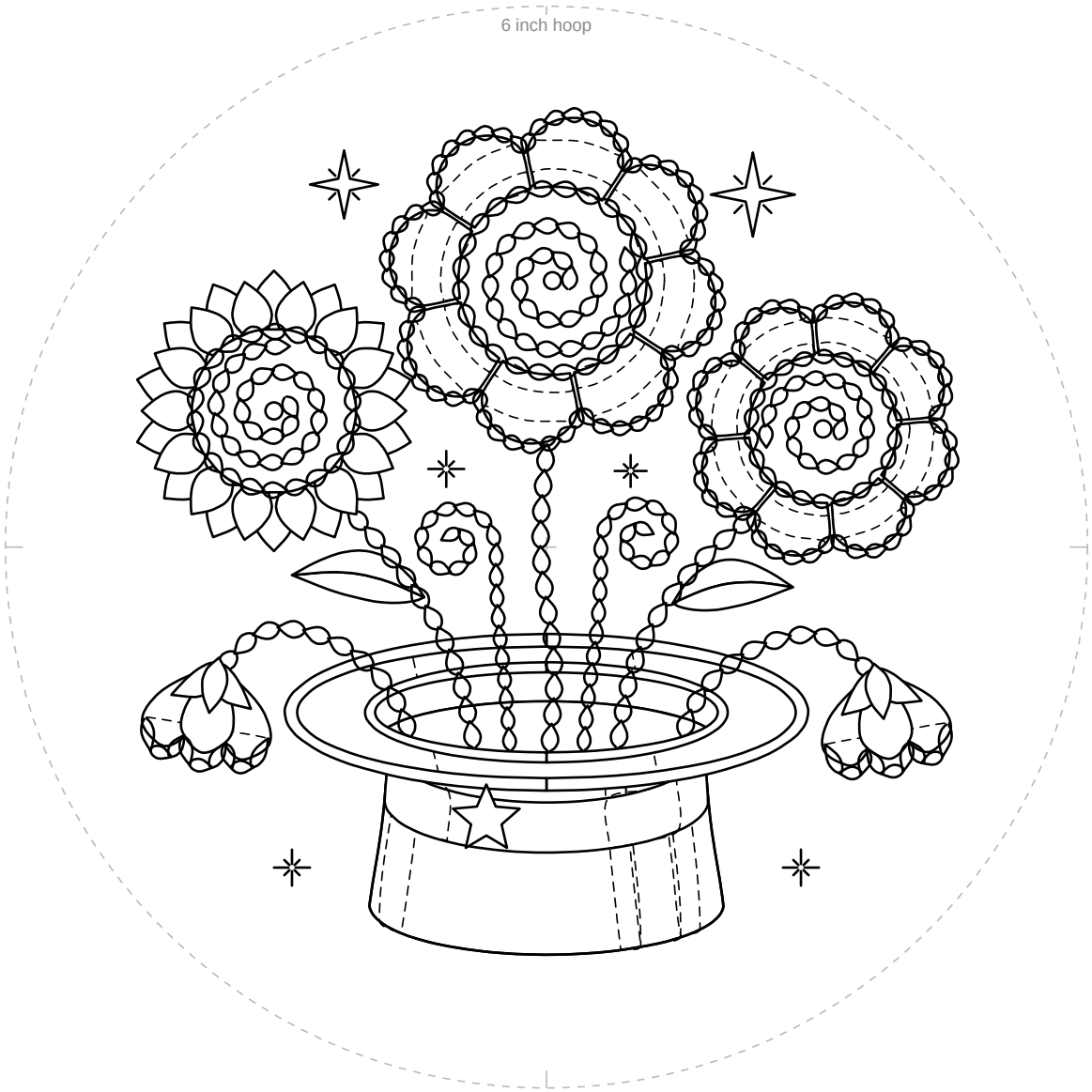
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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