Maid of honor

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.3 × 4.6 in (8.4 × 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.

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

17 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: frame
   2 strands: inner frame
   4 strands: lily stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Lily leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Gown, neck and shoulder, face, lilies, arms, veil, hands (color 9), sleeves, lily buds



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Halo, sash, lips, ears, hands (colors 7 and 9), sleeve bands, neckline, lily necks



5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the lips

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lashes, stamens (color 15)



7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Gown folds, sash edge, face edge, nostrils, ear line, lily edges, veil edge, arm edge

8. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: halo edge, stamens (color 15)
   2 strands: eyes, brows, lines of the letters

9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: frame beads, knots of the stamens, knots of the letters
   2 strands: hair, earring



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 154 Very Dark Grape	7	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	13	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
2	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	8	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	14	DMC 3053 Green Gray
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	9	DMC 433 Medium Brown	15	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
4	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	10	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	16	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet
5	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	11	DMC 3371 Black Brown	17	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green
6	DMC 3836 Light Grape	12	DMC 3865 Winter White		

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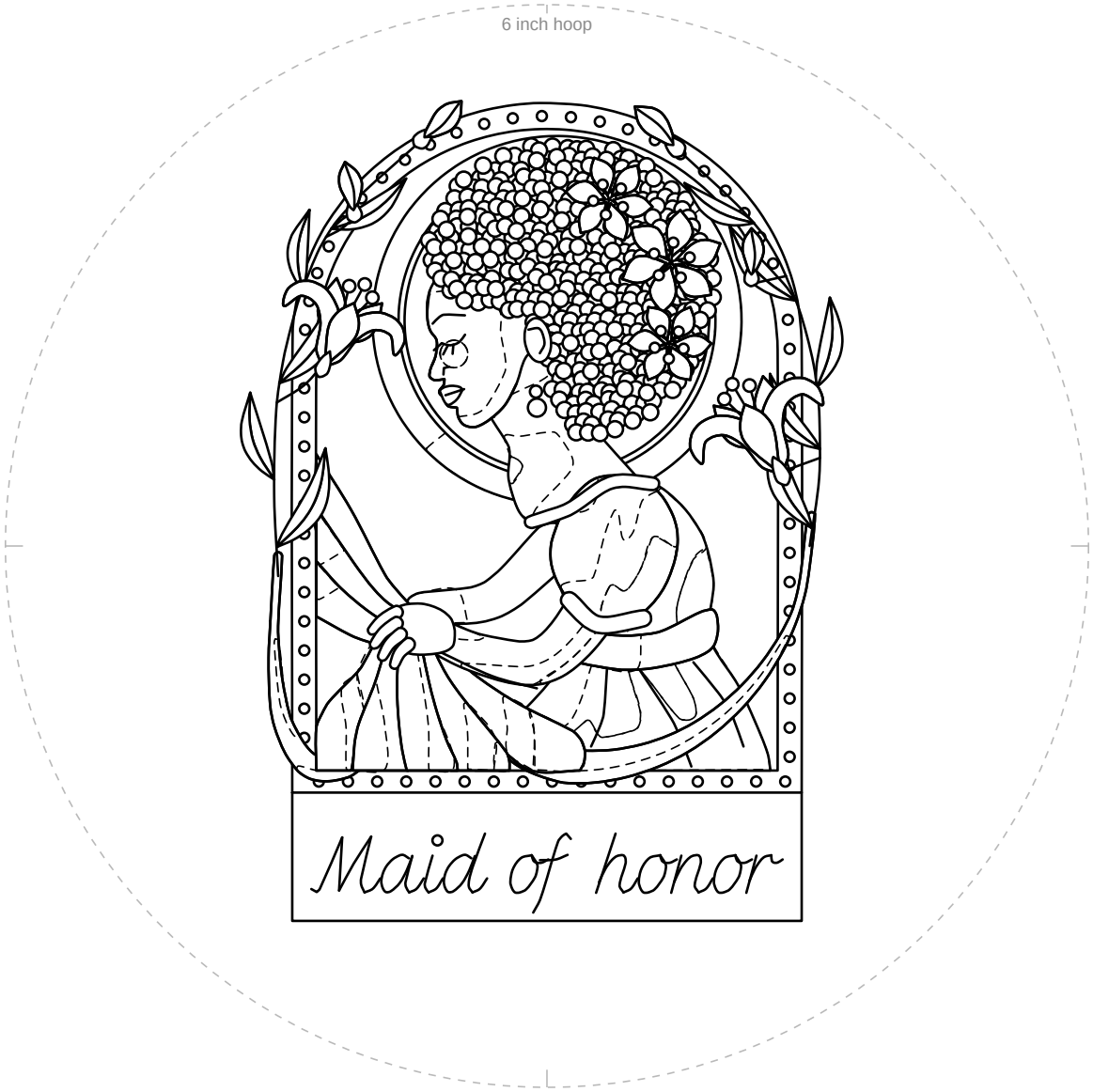
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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

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