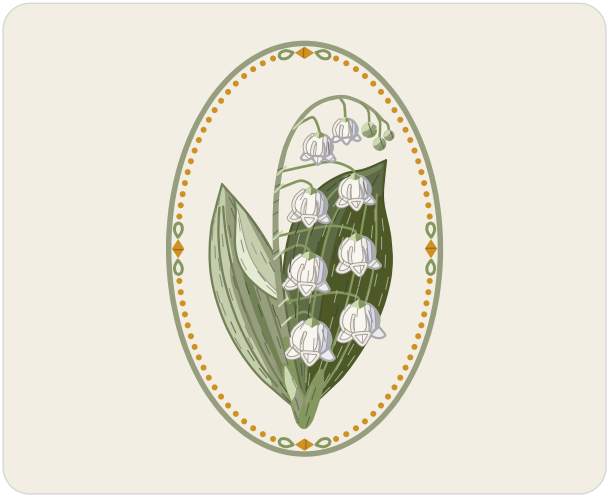
May birth flower: lily of the valley

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.1 × 4.7 in (7.9 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Border lozenges, flower stem, pearls, bell mouths, bell points, bell crowns
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Dark leaf, pale leaf, leaf turnover, bells, base sheath
3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Oval border
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, leaf edges, flower stem, bell ribs, bell edges, base sheath edges
5. **Stem stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Bell stalks
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Bracts
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Border leaves

Floss

- **1 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Pale leaf and leaf turnover (dark), oval border, flower stem (light) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Border knots and border lozenges
- **3 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Leaf veins (lighter), bell stalks and base sheath edges and 5 more parts
- **4 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Dark leaf (dark), leaf edges (darker)
- **5 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Dark leaf (middle), flower stem (dark)
- **6 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Pale leaf (darkest), leaf edges (lighter), leaf veins (darker), dark leaf (light)
- **7 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Pale leaf (light), leaf turnover (middle)
- **8 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Base sheath and pearls (light), bell crowns (lighter), bracts, pale leaf (lightest)
- **9 DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green**
  Leaf turnover (light)
- **10 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Bell edges and bell ribs (darker), bell mouths, bells (darkest)
- **11 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Bells (lightest), bell points (lighter)
- **12 DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet** Bells (dark)
- **13 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Bell edges and bell ribs (lighter), bells (light), bell points (darker)

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Border knots

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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.



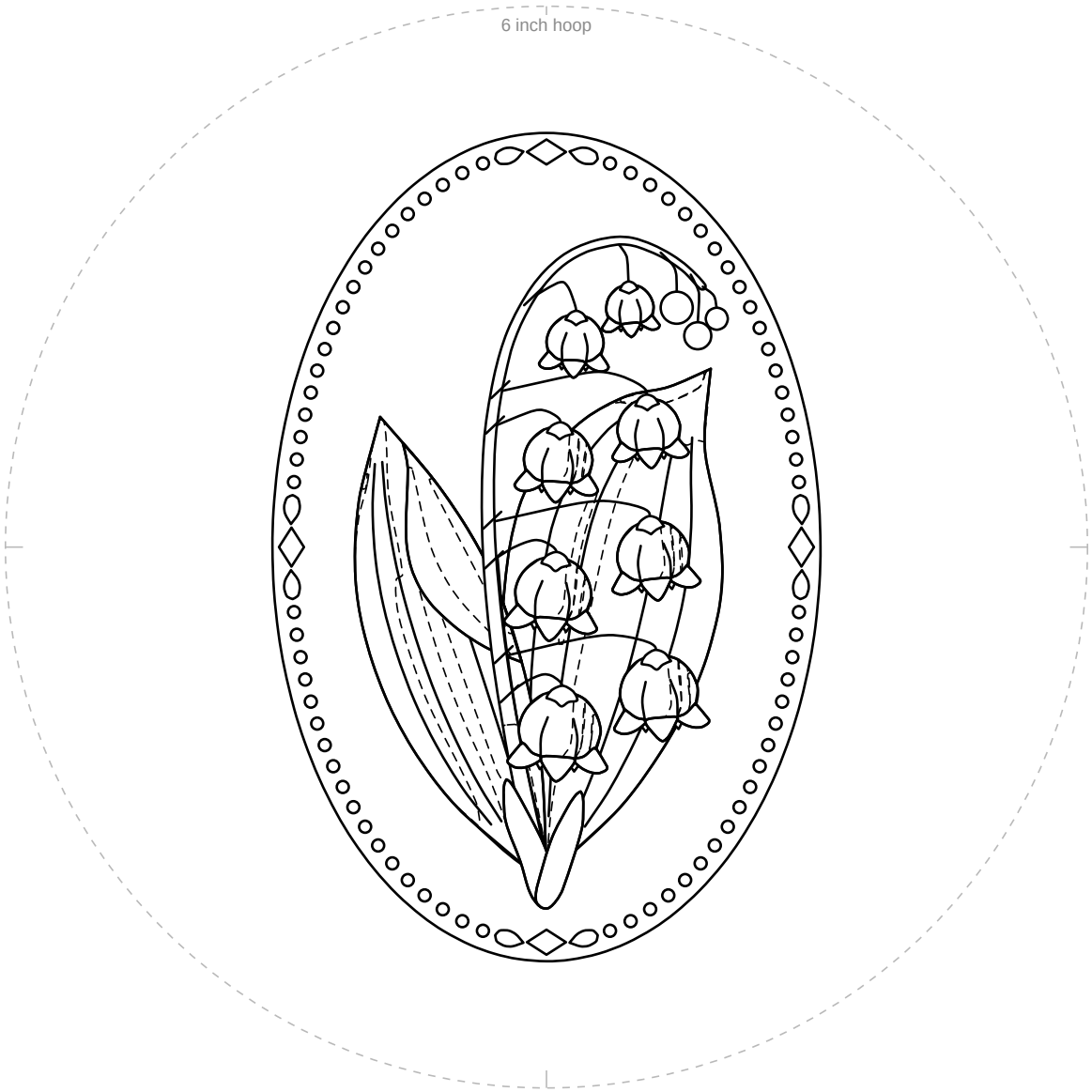
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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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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