Mossy rocks corner

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 3.6 in (9.7 × 9.1 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.

22 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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**, 2 strands
   Lines of the ferns, capsule stalks, lines of the end sprigs

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Ferns, end sprigs



3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands
   Stones, great rock



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Fiddleheads, spore capsules, snail body, snail shell



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: stone outlines, snail edge
   2 strands: strata, snail shell whorl

6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Fiddlehead scales



7. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the snail horns

8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: lichen, moss
   1 strand: knots of the snail horns



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

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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 500 Very Dark Blue Green	9	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	17	DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige
2	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	10	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	18	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green
3	DMC 469 Avocado Green	11	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	19	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green
4	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	12	DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray	20	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
5	DMC 3364 Pine Green	13	DMC 640 Very Dark Beige Gray	21	DMC 920 Medium Copper
6	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet	14	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray	22	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green
7	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet	15	DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige		
8	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	16	DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown		

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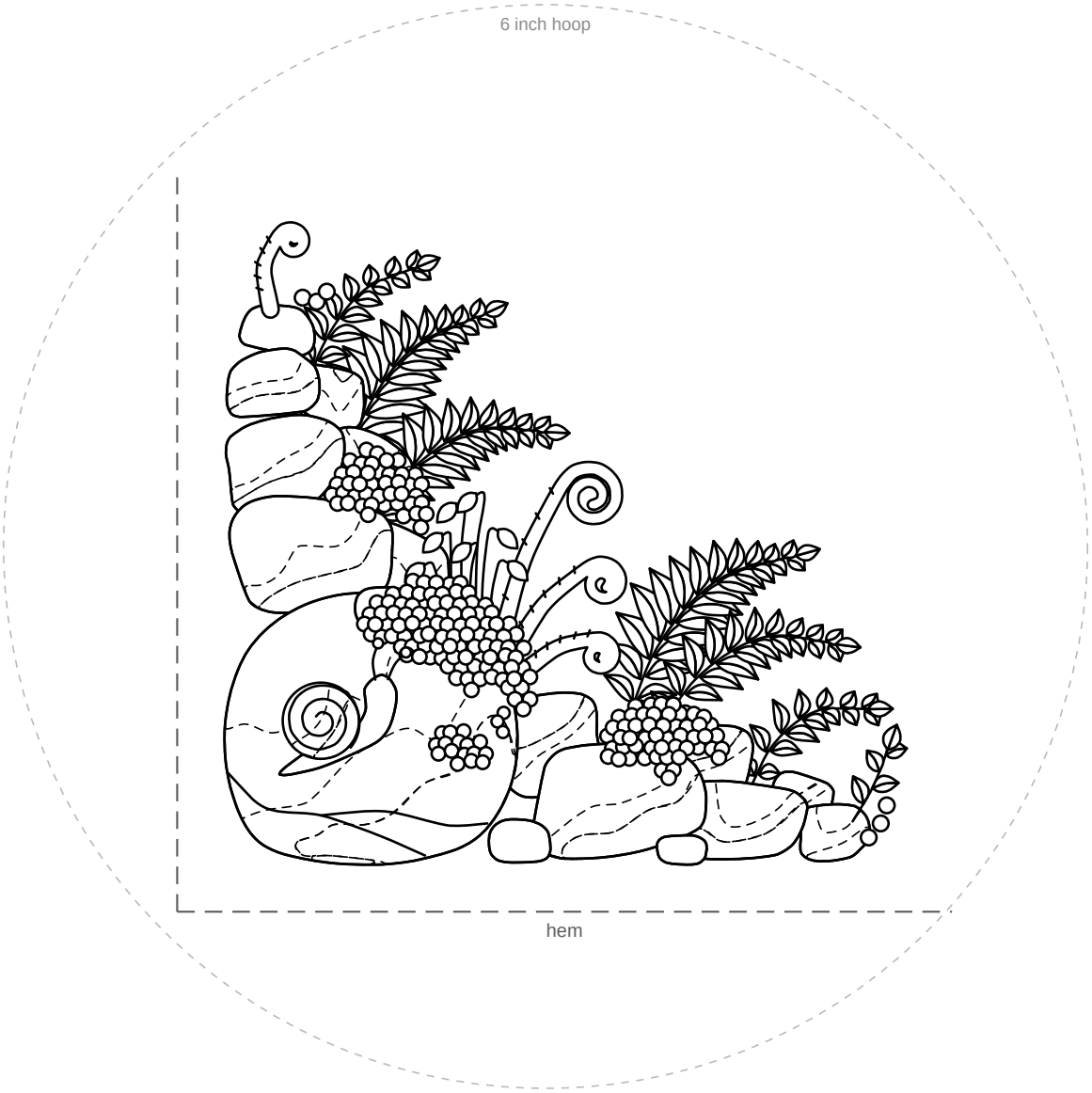
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. Lay the two broken lines along the two hems of a corner: the arms lie a quarter inch (6 mm) inside them. The gray ring is the hoop.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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25.4 mm

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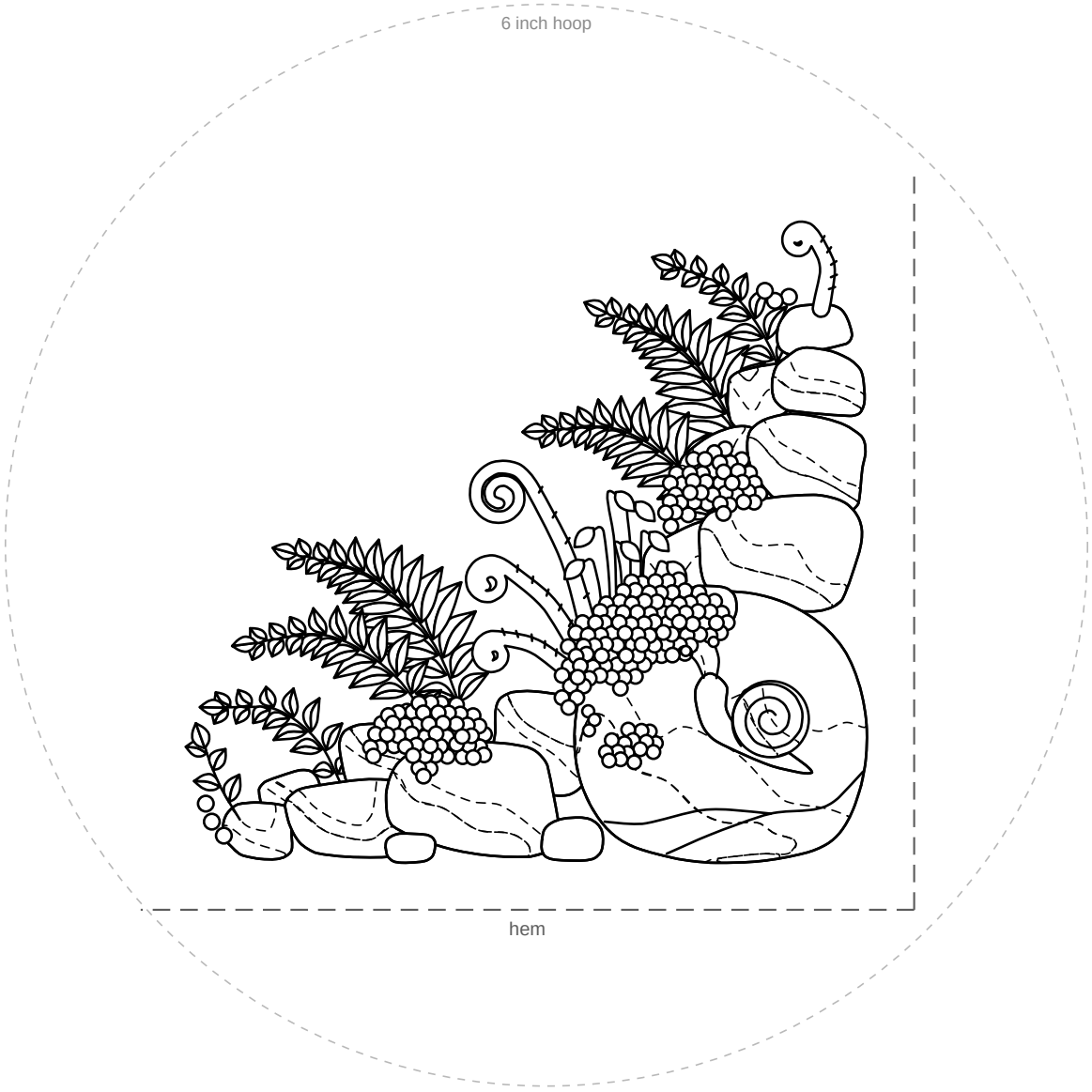
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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