Nested rainbow flower

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.5 in (10.7 × 11.4 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 7.

10 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. **Satin stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
   2 strands: side stem, leaves, bud sepals, bud cup, plum heart
   3 strands: stem, bud red, bud gold, bud orange, cherry ring, gold ring, turquoise ring, orange ring, green ring



2. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 4
   Leaf veins



3. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, colors 1, 5
   Leaf edges, bud edge, cherry edge

4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, colors 6, 7
   Edges of the bud orange, edges of the orange ring, edges of the green ring

5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 9, 10
   Heart rim, knots of the plum heart



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.



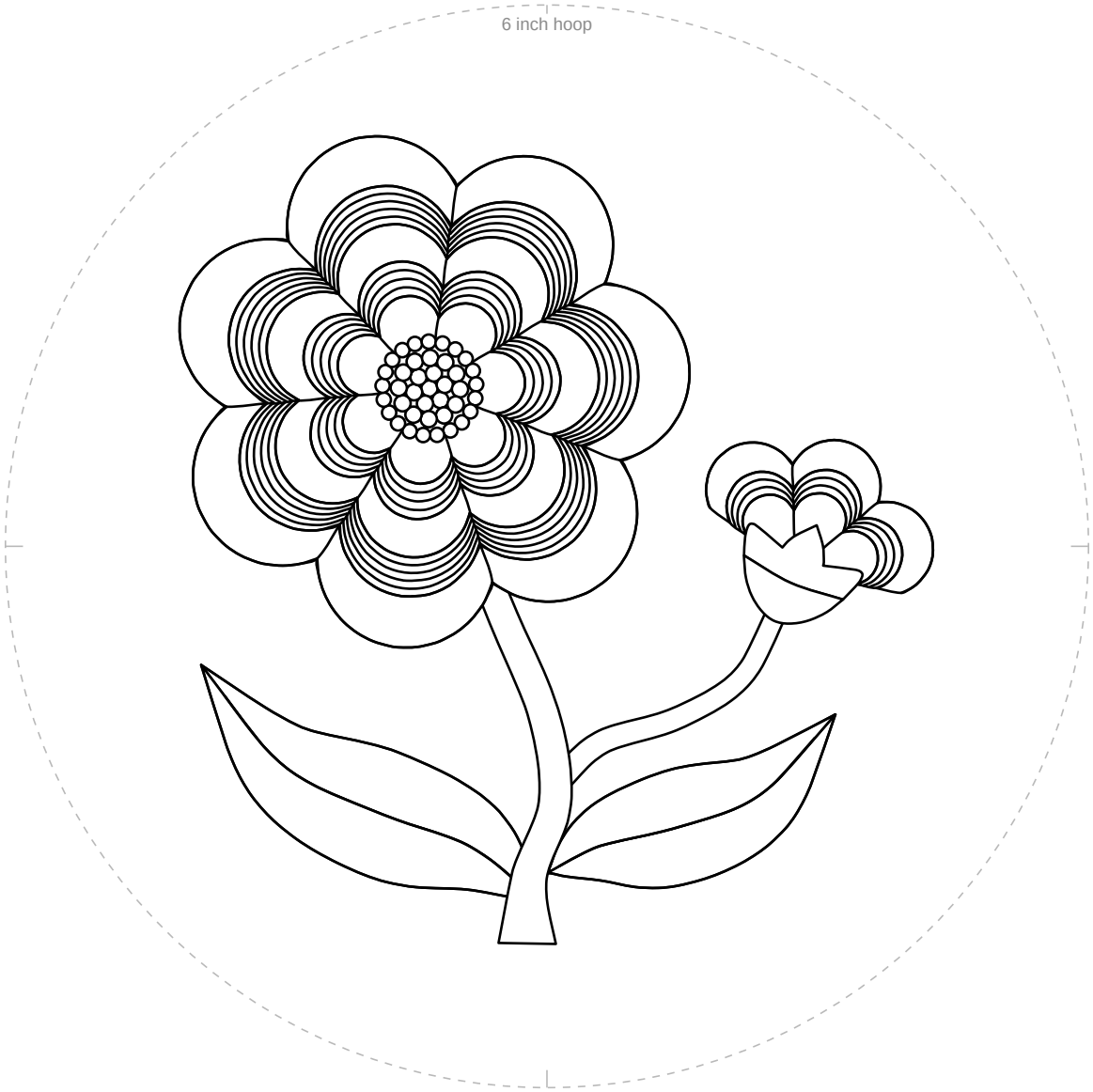
1	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**5**	DMC 321 Red	**9**	DMC 915 Dark Plum
2	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	**6**	DMC 740 Tangerine	**10**	DMC 604 Light Cranberry
3	DMC 907 Light Parrot Green	**7**	DMC 702 Kelly Green		
4	DMC 726 Light Topaz	**8**	DMC 3845 Medium Bright Turquoise		

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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.



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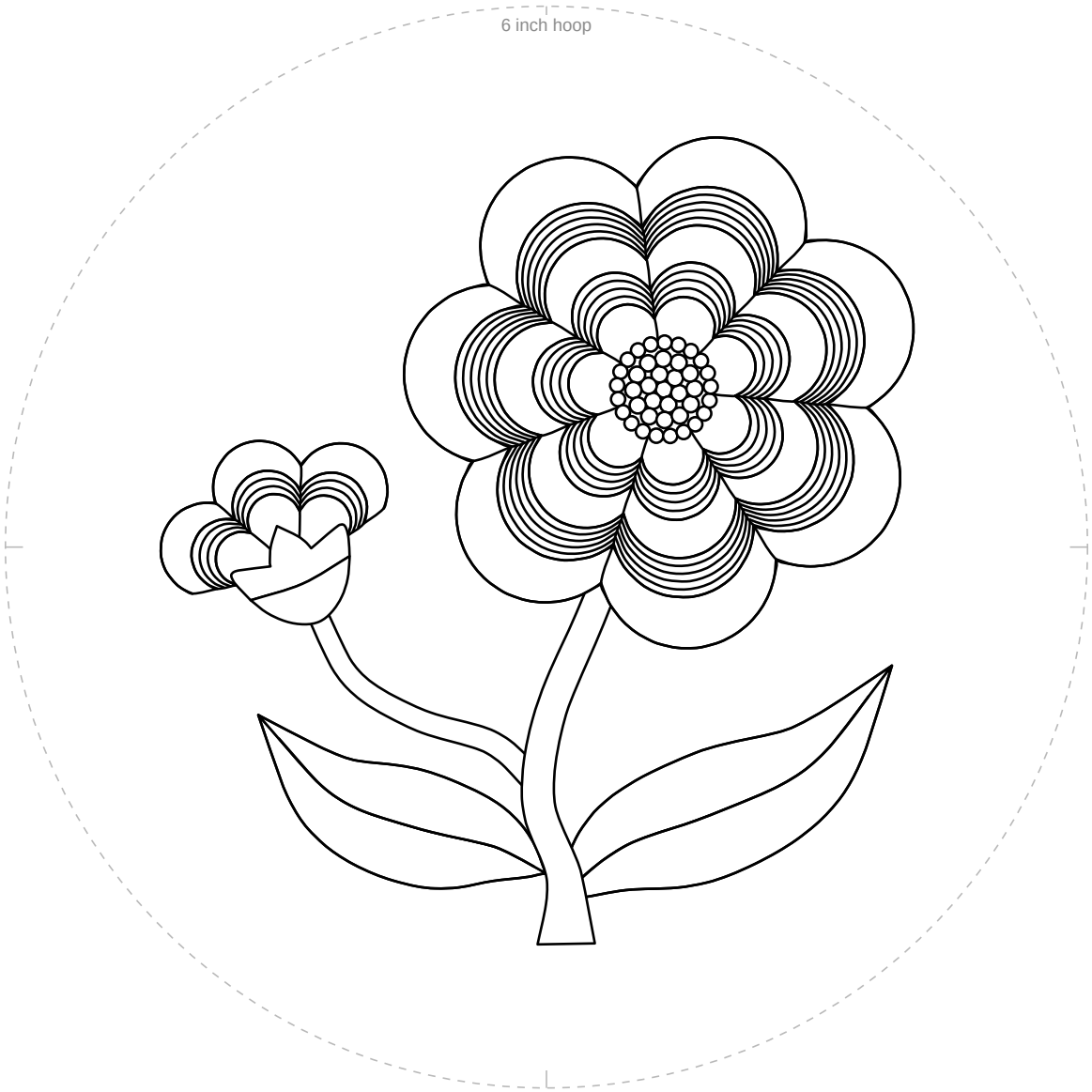
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