# Nested rainbow raindrop

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.5 in (11.9 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen.

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

22 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

## Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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**, 4 strands
   Stems



2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Violet center, iris standards, iris falls, style arms, iris buds



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pool rings, leaves, leaf turned over, red band, orange band, yellow band, green band, blue band, window of light, bud sheaths



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Drop contour



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the iris falls, edges of the iris standards, edges of the style arms, edges of the iris buds



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Iris beard



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.




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| 1 | DMC 3843 Electric Blue | 9 | DMC 321 Red | 17 | DMC 703 Chartreuse |
| 2 | DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise | 10 | DMC 741 Medium Tangerine | 18 | DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender |
| 3 | DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green | 11 | DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange | 19 | DMC 550 Very Dark Violet |
| 4 | DMC 469 Avocado Green | 12 | DMC 970 Light Pumpkin | 20 | DMC 209 Dark Lavender |
| 5 | DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green | 13 | DMC 726 Light Topaz | 21 | DMC 3865 Winter White |
| 6 | DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz | 14 | DMC 727 Very Light Topaz | 22 | DMC 211 Light Lavender |
| 7 | DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon | 15 | DMC 701 Light Green | | |
| 8 | DMC 498 Dark Red | 16 | DMC 699 Green | | |



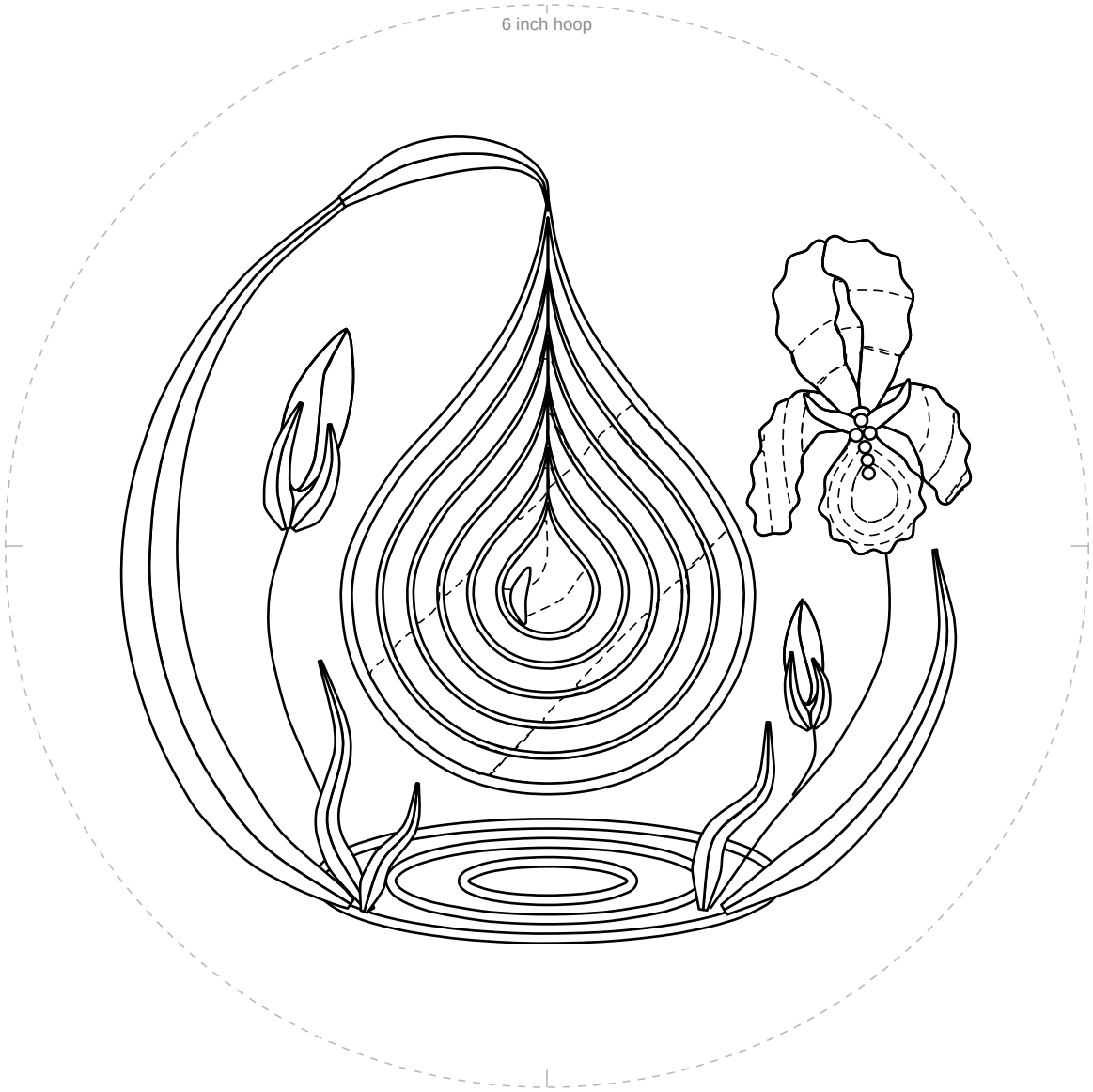
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.



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