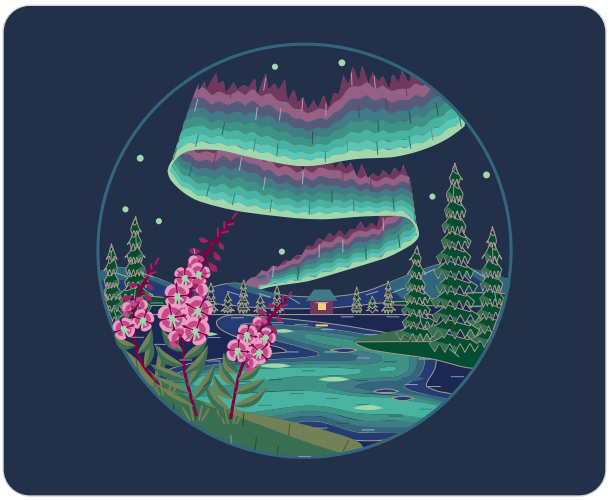
Northern lights over a lake and fireweed

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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Aurora, hills, far shore, lake, spruces, grassy bank, petals
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Glints, cabin, cabin roof, cabin window, buds, sepals
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Fireweed leaves
4. **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Hem of light
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Lamp on the lake, buds, stamens, grasses
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Rim, fireweed stems
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Stamens, stars

Floss

- **1 DMC 3835 Medium Grape** Aurora (shade 3 of 8)
- **2 DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Aurora (shade 1 of 8), cabin
- **3 DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue**
  Aurora (shade 2 of 8)
- **4 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Aurora (shade 4 of 8), lake (middle light), cabin roof
- **5 DMC 943 Medium Aquamarine**
  Lake (light), aurora (shade 5 of 8)
- **6 DMC 3851 Light Bright Green**
  Lake (lightest), aurora (shade 6 of 8)
- **7 DMC 959 Medium Seagreen** Aurora (shade 7 of 8)
- **8 DMC 955 Light Nile Green**
  Aurora (shade 8 of 8), hem of light, stamens and stars, glints (light)
- **9 DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Hills (darker), lake and glints (dark)
- **10 DMC 3842 Very Dark Wedgwood**
  Lake (middle dark), rim, hills (lighter), glints (middle)
- **11 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Lake (darkest), far shore (darker), spruces (dark)
- **12 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Spruces (middle), grassy bank (dark), far shore (lighter)
- **13 DMC 3821 Straw**
  Cabin window and lamp on the lake
- **14 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Grassy bank (middle), fireweed leaves (darker), spruces (light)
- **15 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Grassy bank (light), fireweed leaves (lighter), grasses
- **16 DMC 915 Dark Plum** Sepals and fireweed stems
- **17 DMC 718 Plum** Buds, petals (dark)
- **18 DMC 3607 Light Plum** Petals (middle)
- **19 DMC 3608 Very Light Plum** Petals (light)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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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How to read it

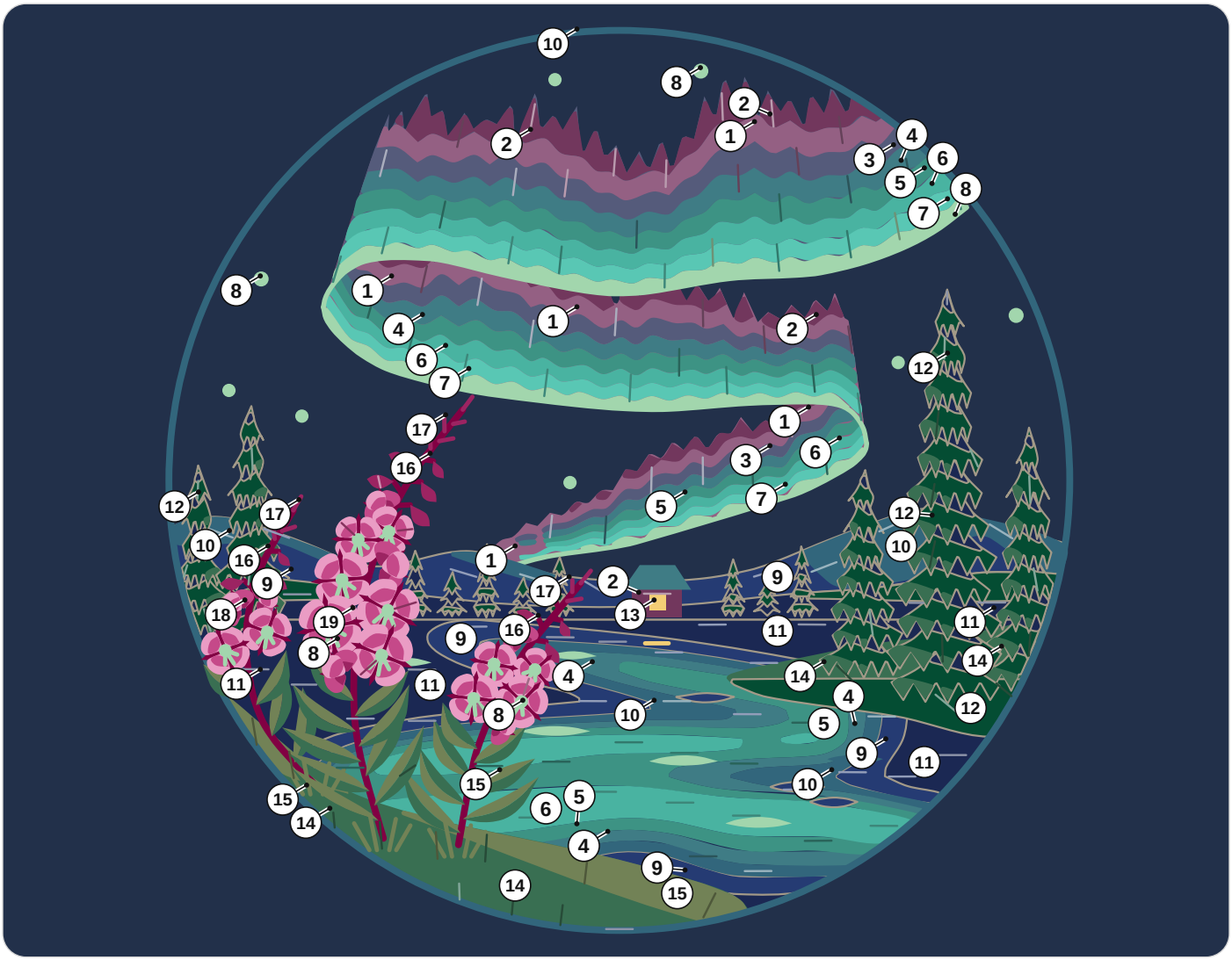
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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. 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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How many strands

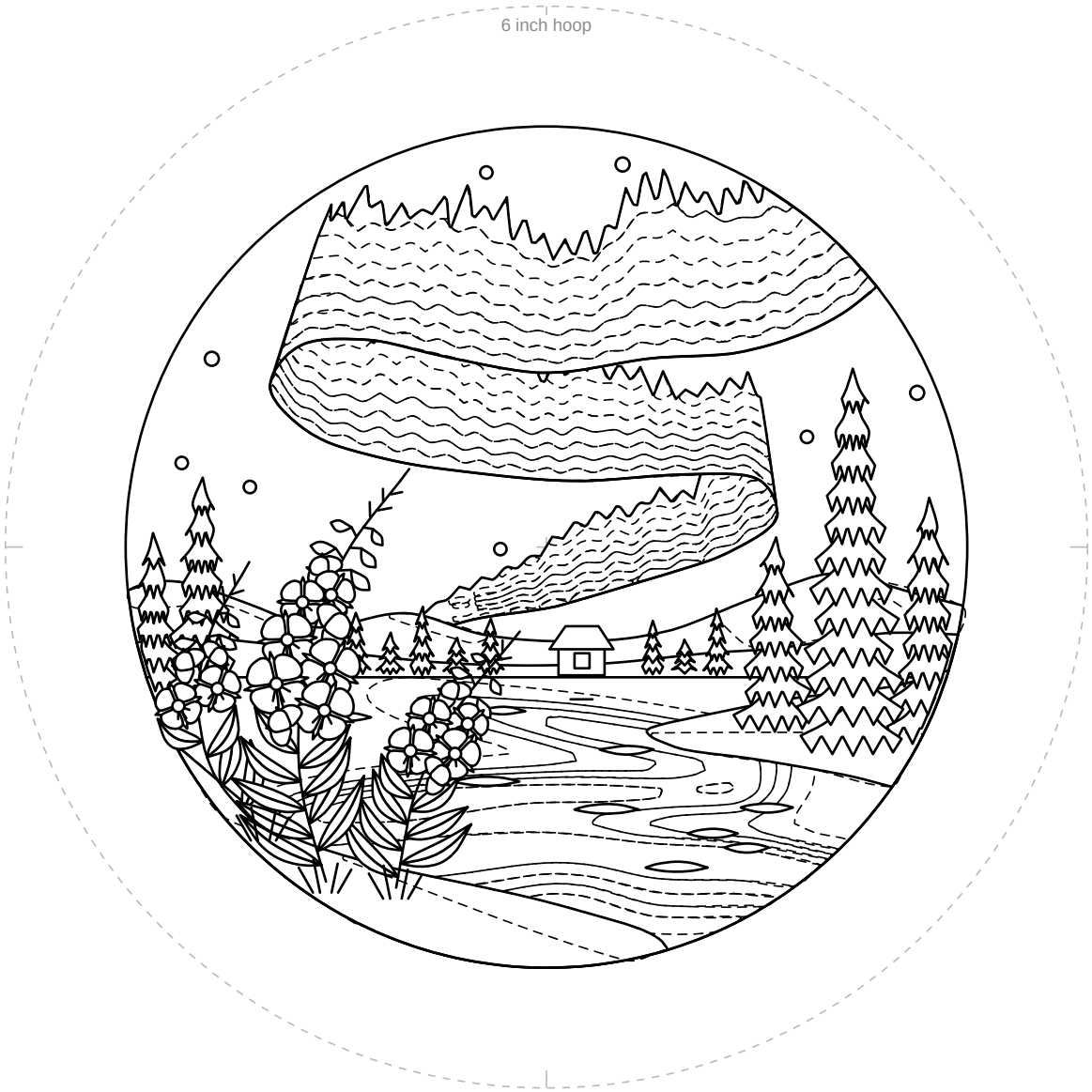
Straight stitch. 3 strands: buds; 2 strands: lamp on the lake, grasses; 1 strand: stamens.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: rim; 1 or 3 strands: fireweed stems.

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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

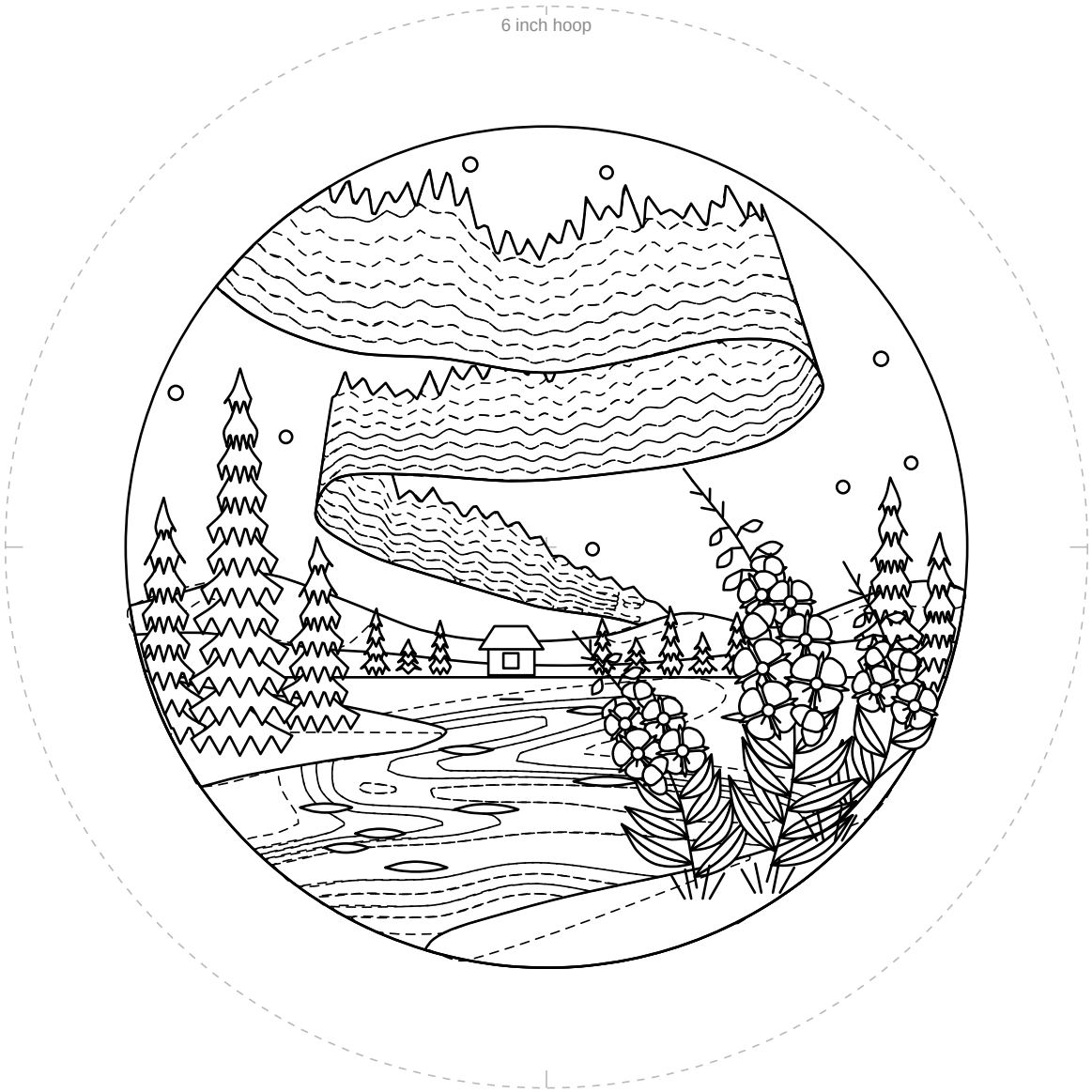
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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