Needlework scissors

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.4 in (10.4 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

9 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. **Whipped back stitch**, 4 strands
   Scarlet thread

2. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Bow scrolls



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bronze shadow, acanthus leaves, bow drops, rosette, blades, blade bevel, blade collars, pivot



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Cut ends, leaf veins, shank edges, collar edges, blade edges, engraved leaf (color 9)

5. **Couching**
   3 strands: acanthus edges
   4 strands: bow edges, pivot edge



6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: engraved leaf (color 9)
   3 strands: pivot slot



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bow ring, rosette center, shanks, collars, pivot dome



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Scroll ends, knots of the rosette center



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 321 Red	**4**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**7**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
2	DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive	**5**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**8**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
3	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**6**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	**9**	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray

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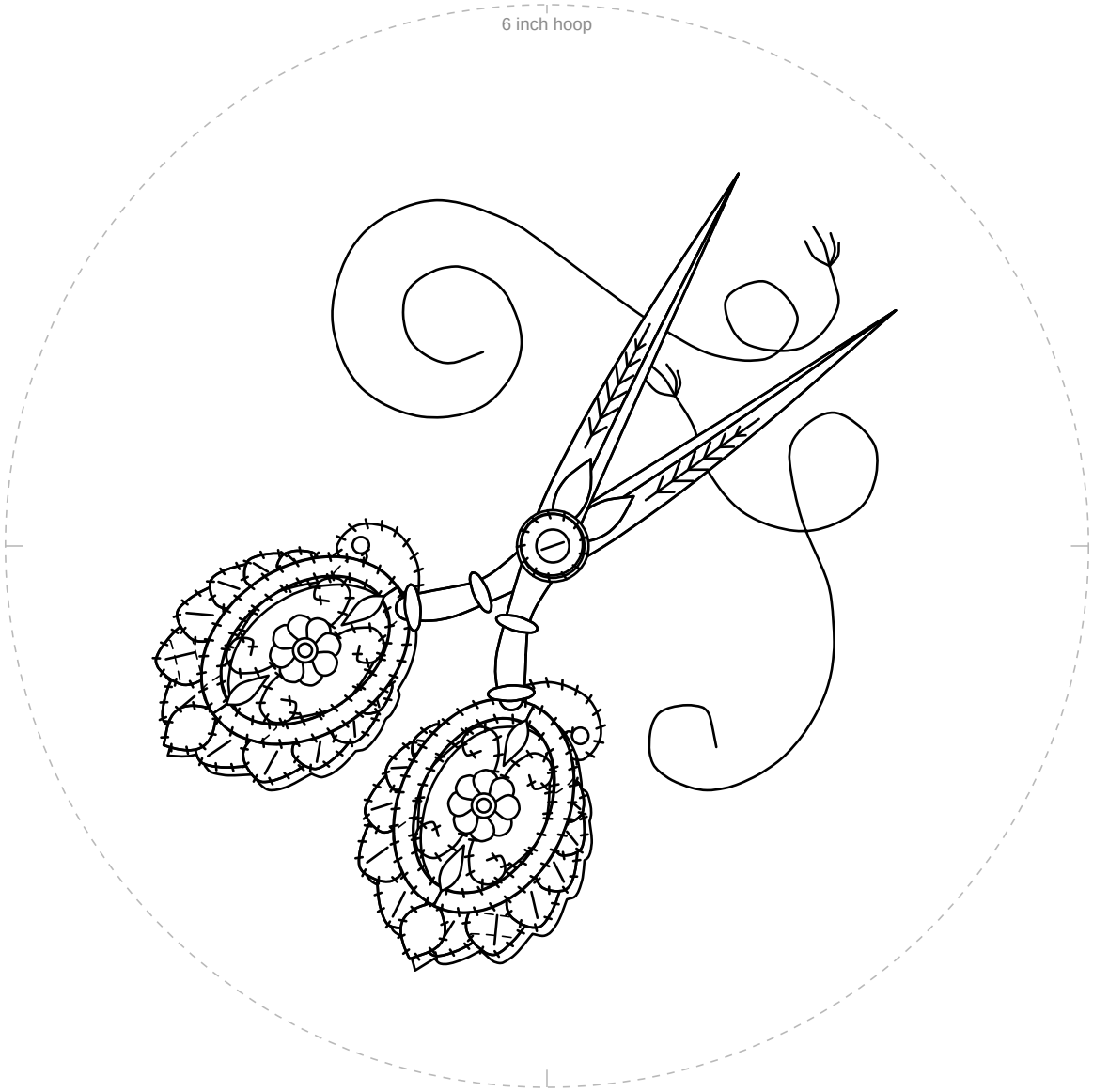
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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