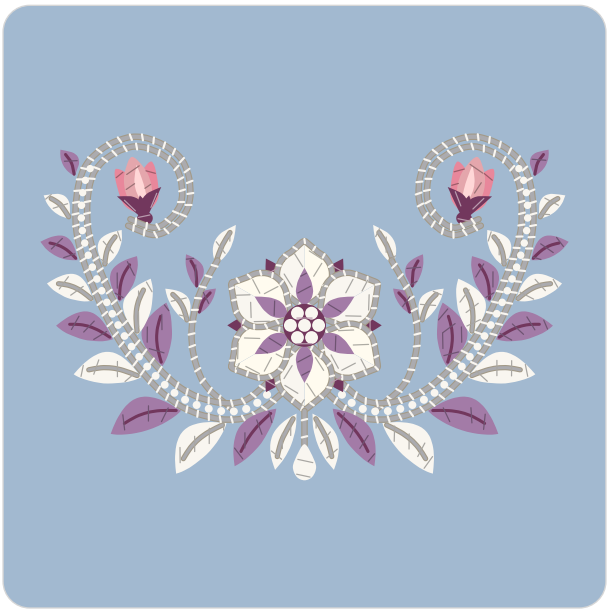
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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 3.1 in (12.2 × 7.9 cm).



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

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Leaves and scrolls (lighter), flower petals (darker), pearls and 3 more parts
- **2 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Scrolls, petal edges and pendant (darker), leaf veins (lighter)
- **3 DMC 209 Dark Lavender**
  Leaves (darker), petal hearts
- **4 DMC 3834 Dark Grape**
  Sepals, bud sepals and flower heart, leaf veins (darker)
- **5 DMC 3733 Dusty Rose**
  Rosebuds (dark)
- **6 DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose**
  Rosebuds (middle)
- **7 DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose**
  Rosebuds (light)
- **8 DMC 712 Cream**
  Flower petals (lighter)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, rosebuds, flower petals, pendant pearl
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rosebuds, bud sepals, sepals, petal hearts, flower heart
3. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins
4. **Couching**, strands by part on page 2
   Scrolls, petal edges, pendant
5. **French knot**, 2 to 4 strands, two wraps
   Pearls

What you need

Advanced. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in pale blue. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3, size 3 for 4 to 6 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

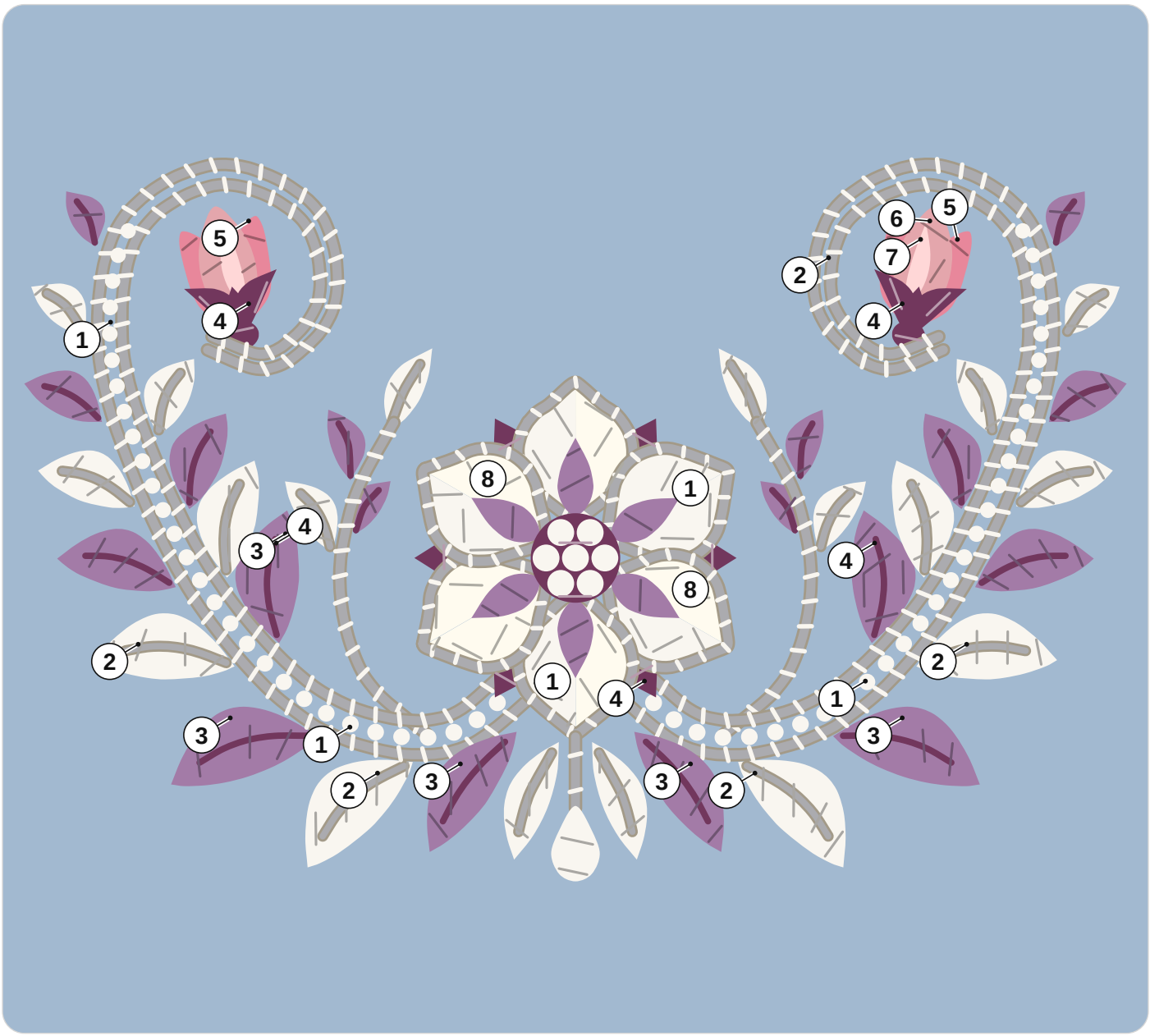
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot.

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

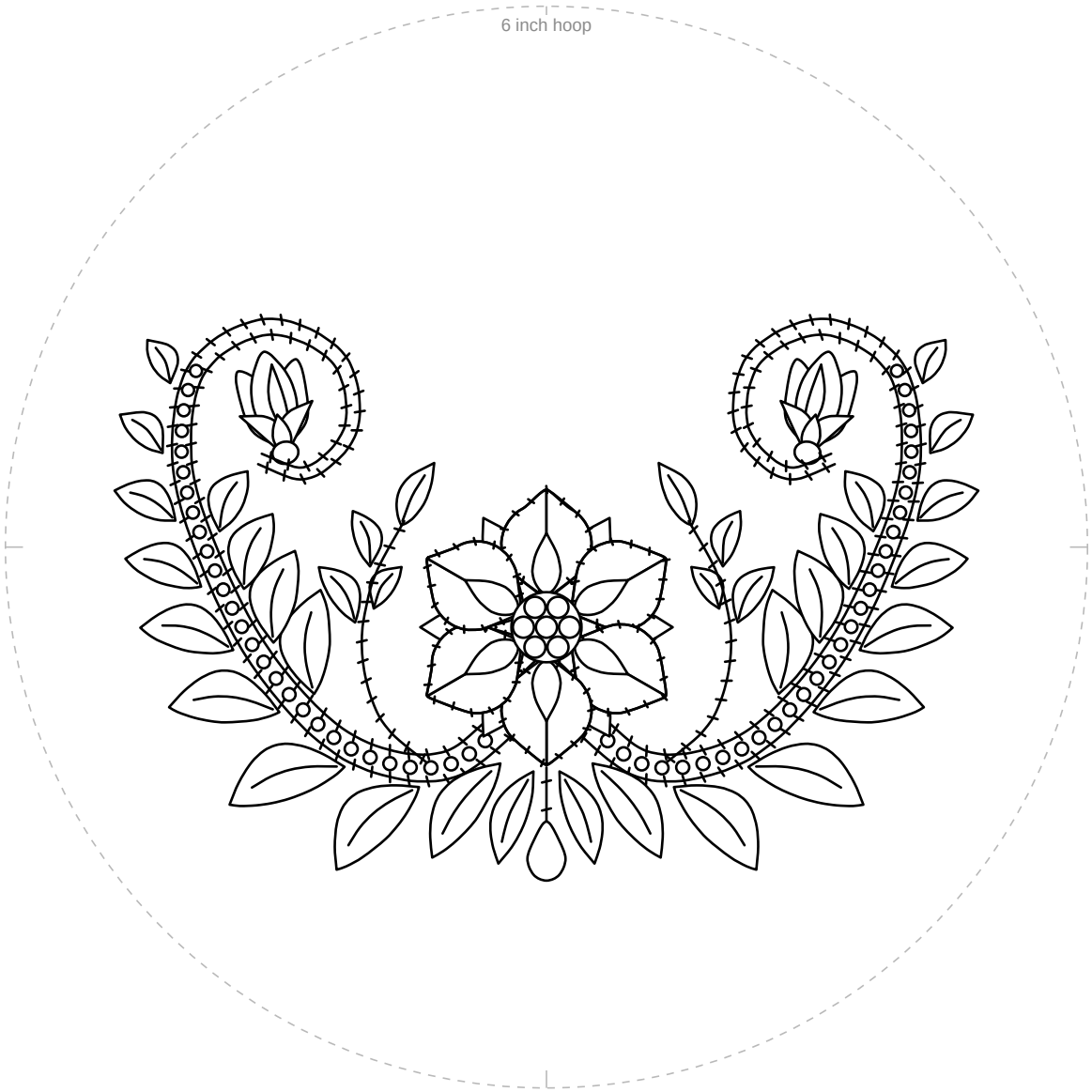
Couching. 6 strands: scrolls; 5 strands: pendant; 3 strands: petal edges.

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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.



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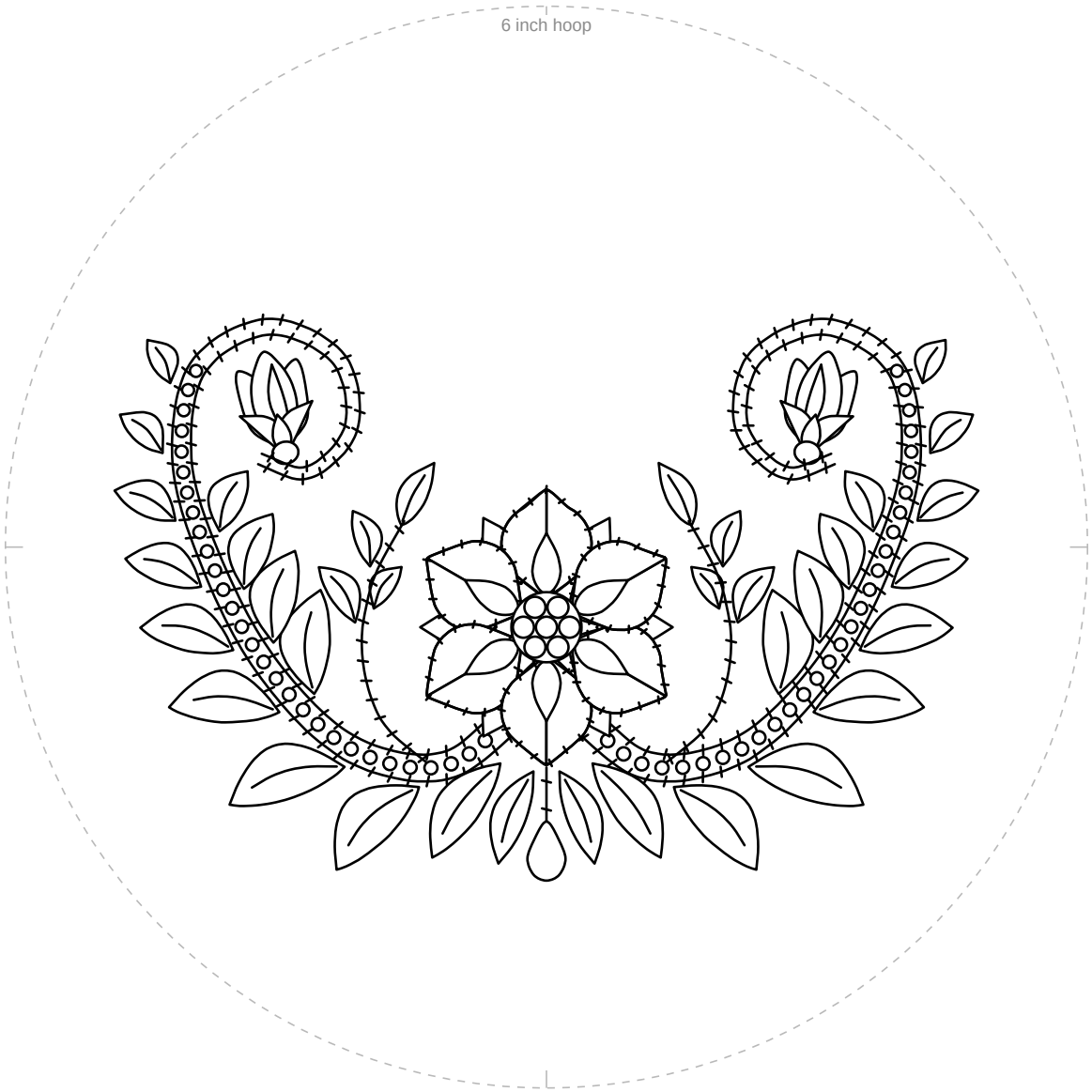
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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