Outline stitch linked rings

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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. **Outline stitch**, 3 strands
   Gold ring
2. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Briar stems
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Rosebuds, rose petals
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rose green cup, rose centers, forget-me-nots
6. **Outline stitch**, 3 strands
   Rose gold ring
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges
8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the stamens
9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: knots of the stamens
   2 strands: forget-me-not centers

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

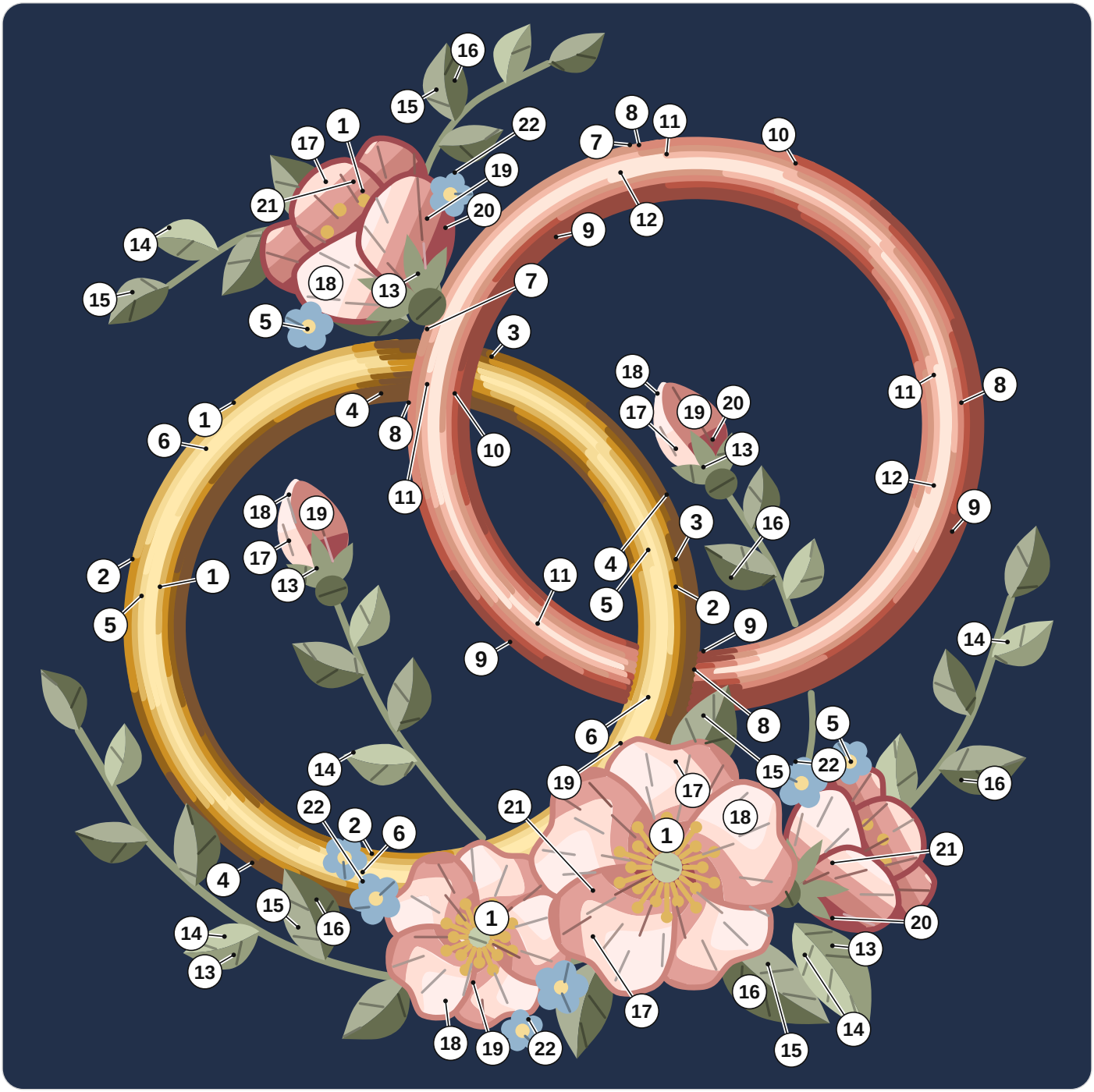
In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



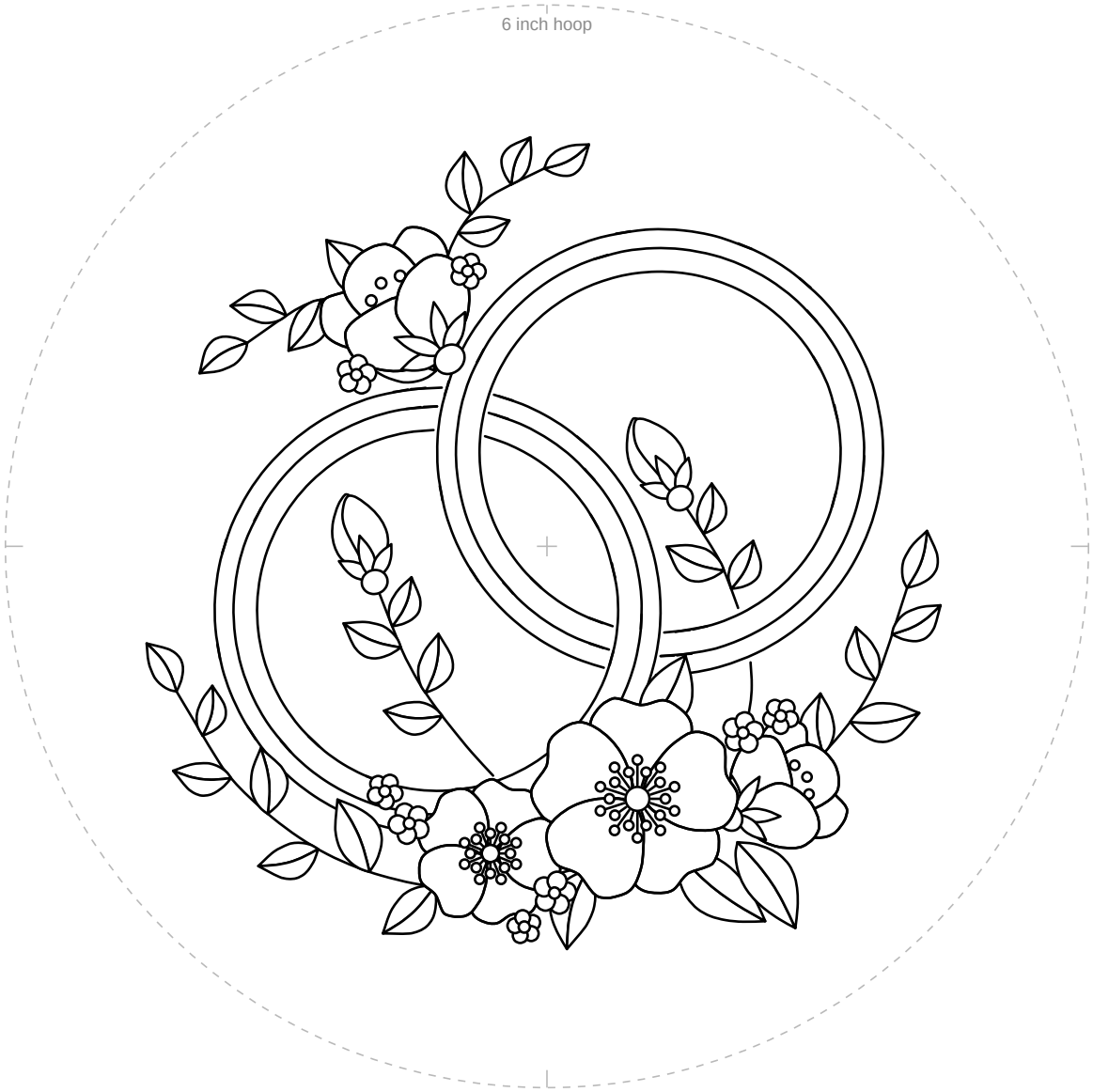
1	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**9**	DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood	**17**	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
2	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**10**	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	**18**	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
3	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**11**	DMC 3771 Ultra Very Light Terra Cotta	**19**	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink
4	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**12**	DMC 948 Very Light Peach	**20**	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**13**	DMC 522 Fern Green	**21**	DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink
6	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	**14**	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	**22**	DMC 3755 Baby Blue
7	DMC 21 Light Alizarin	**15**	DMC 523 Light Fern Green		
8	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta	**16**	DMC 520 Dark Fern 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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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