Apple blossom oval frame

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.9 in (10.9 × 12.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green 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 water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Satin stitch**
   colors 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 22
   2 strands: cut ends, leaves, leaf undersides, sepals, flower centers, bee head
   1 strand: bee wings



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Branches, buds, petals, petal backs, fruitlets, bee stripes



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 4, 5, 9, 10
   1 strand: bark lines, leaf veins (colors 5, 9 and 10)
   2 strands: leaf stalks, flower stalks

4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 12, 13, 15, 16
   Bud folds, petal edges, fruitlet edges

5. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 9
   1 strand: stamens, bee feelers
   2 strands: dry sepals



6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, colors 1, 10
   Edges of the cut ends, leaf veins (color 10), wing veins

7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 1, 20, 21
   Stamen tips



8. **Turkey work**
   2 strands, colors 20, 21
   Bee fur



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.



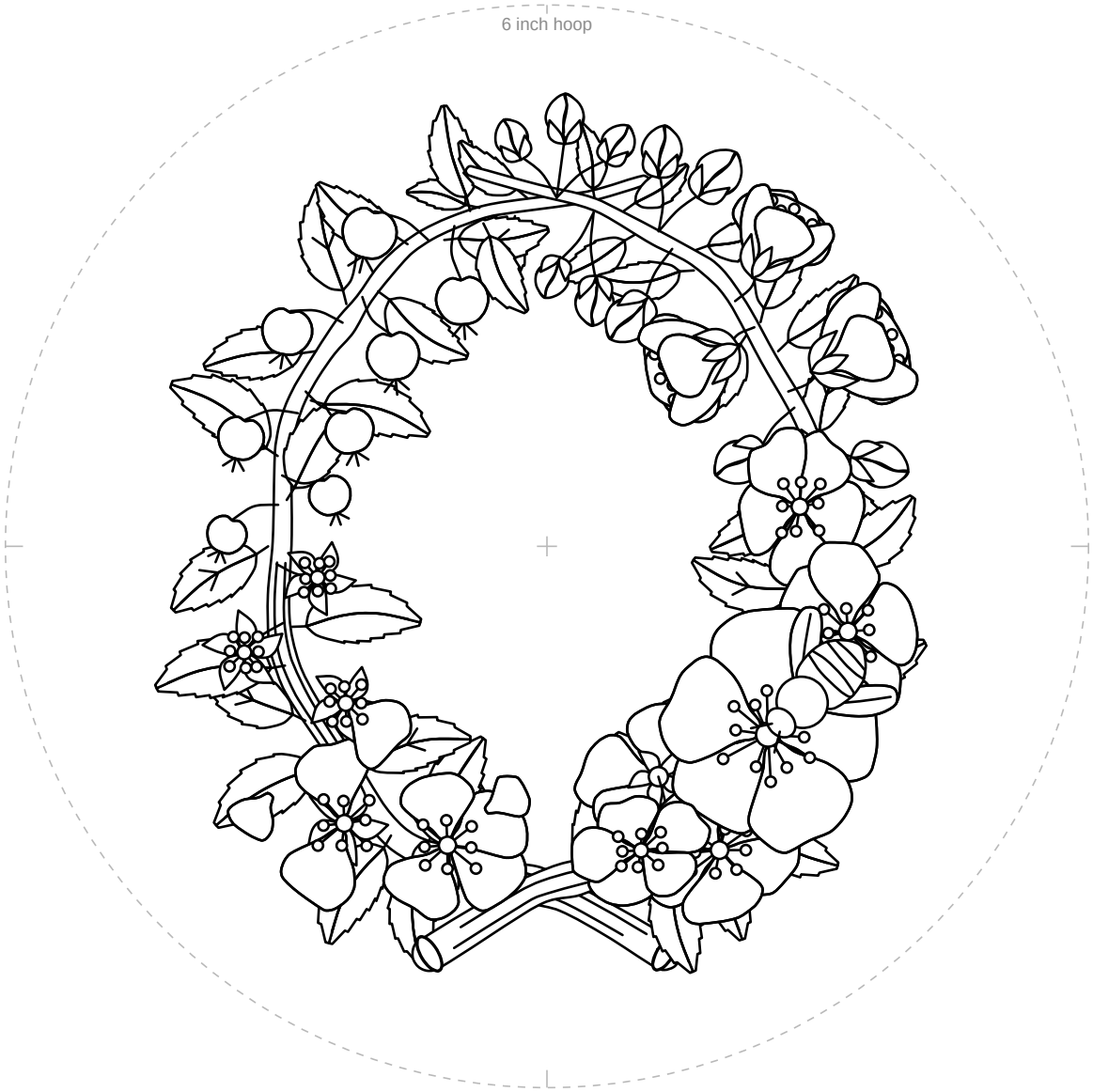
1	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	9	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	17	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 3371 Black Brown	10	DMC 522 Fern Green	18	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
3	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	11	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	19	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
4	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	12	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry	20	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	13	DMC 326 Very Dark Rose	21	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
6	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	14	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry	22	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...
7	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	15	DMC 3716 Very Light Rose		
8	DMC 3364 Pine Green	16	DMC 962 Medium Dusty Rose		

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6 inch hoop

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

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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