Easy paw print in cutwork

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.6 in (12.2 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
   Lace cord
2. **Stem stitch**, 5 strands
   Stems
3. **Buttonhole stitch**
   4 strands: paw edges
   3 strands: island edges
4. **Satin stitch**, 3 strands
   Openings, rosebuds, rose petals, flower centers, leaves (colors 6 and 7), buds, bud cups
5. **Fishbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Leaves (colors 6 and 7)
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Outer line
7. **Whipped back stitch**, 5 strands
   Lace bars
8. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Petal rays, stamens

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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.

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.

Buy: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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



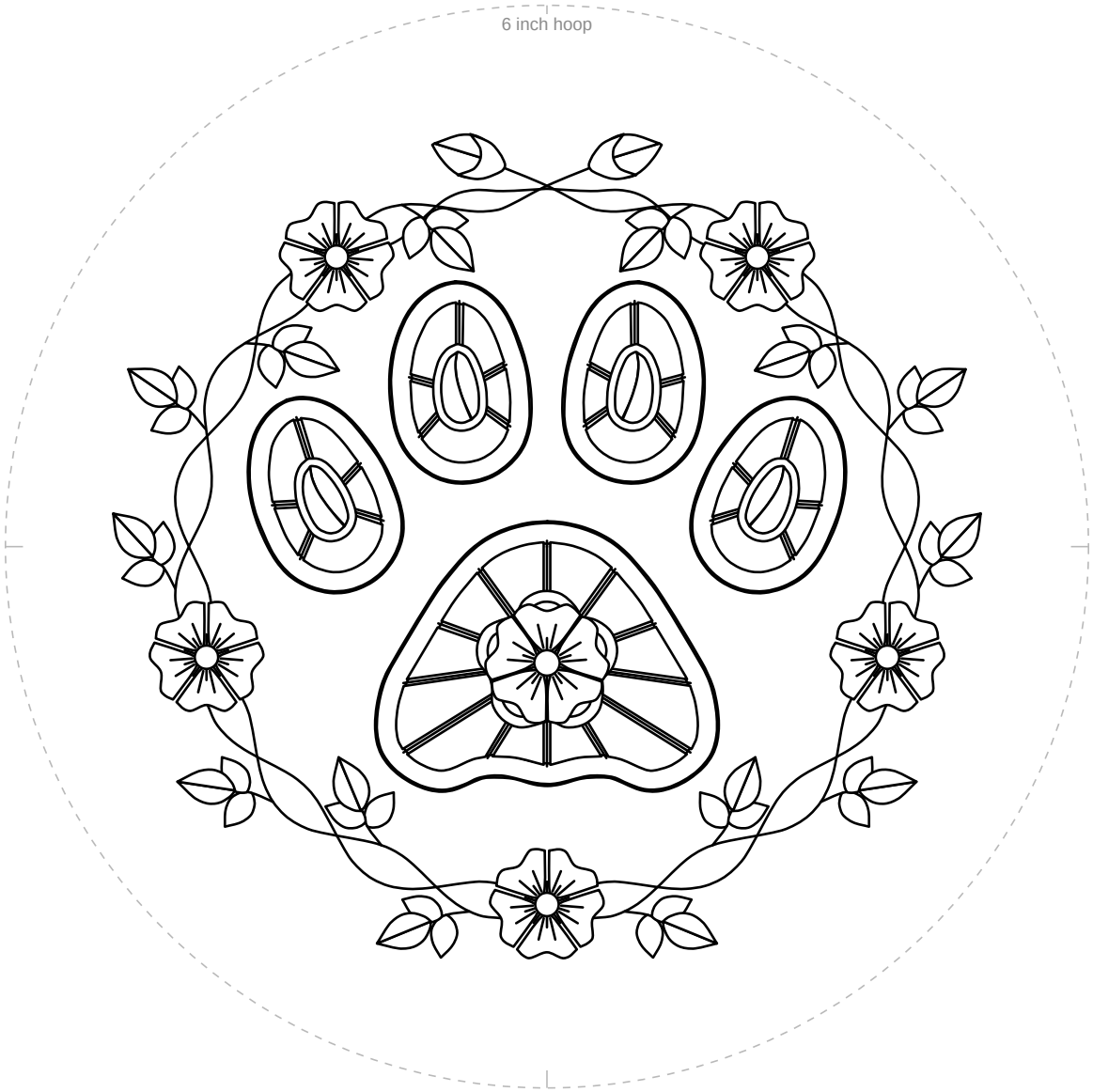
1 DMC B5200 Snow White
2 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
3 DMC 604 Light Cranberry
4 DMC 309 Ultra Very Dark Rose
5 DMC 743 Medium Yellow
6 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green
7 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green

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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.



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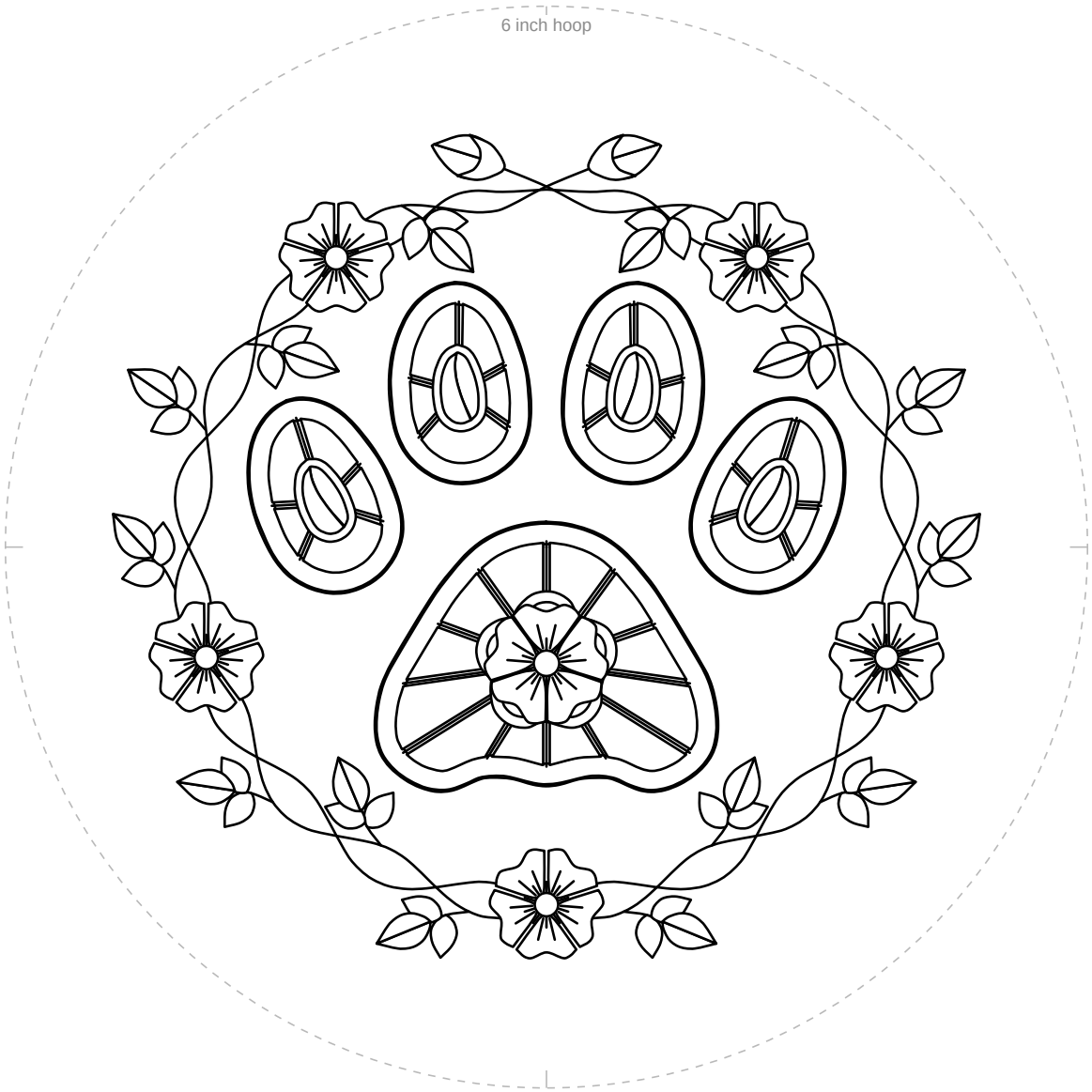
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