Plum branch with a dusty bloom

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.6 in (11.9 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Leaf stalks

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, leaf undersides, turned leaf edge, side shoots, branch, plums, plum stalks



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cut ends, knot in the bark, buds



4. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the turned leaf edge, edges of the cut ends, edges of the knot in the bark, plum seams, plum edges

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Plum glint



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

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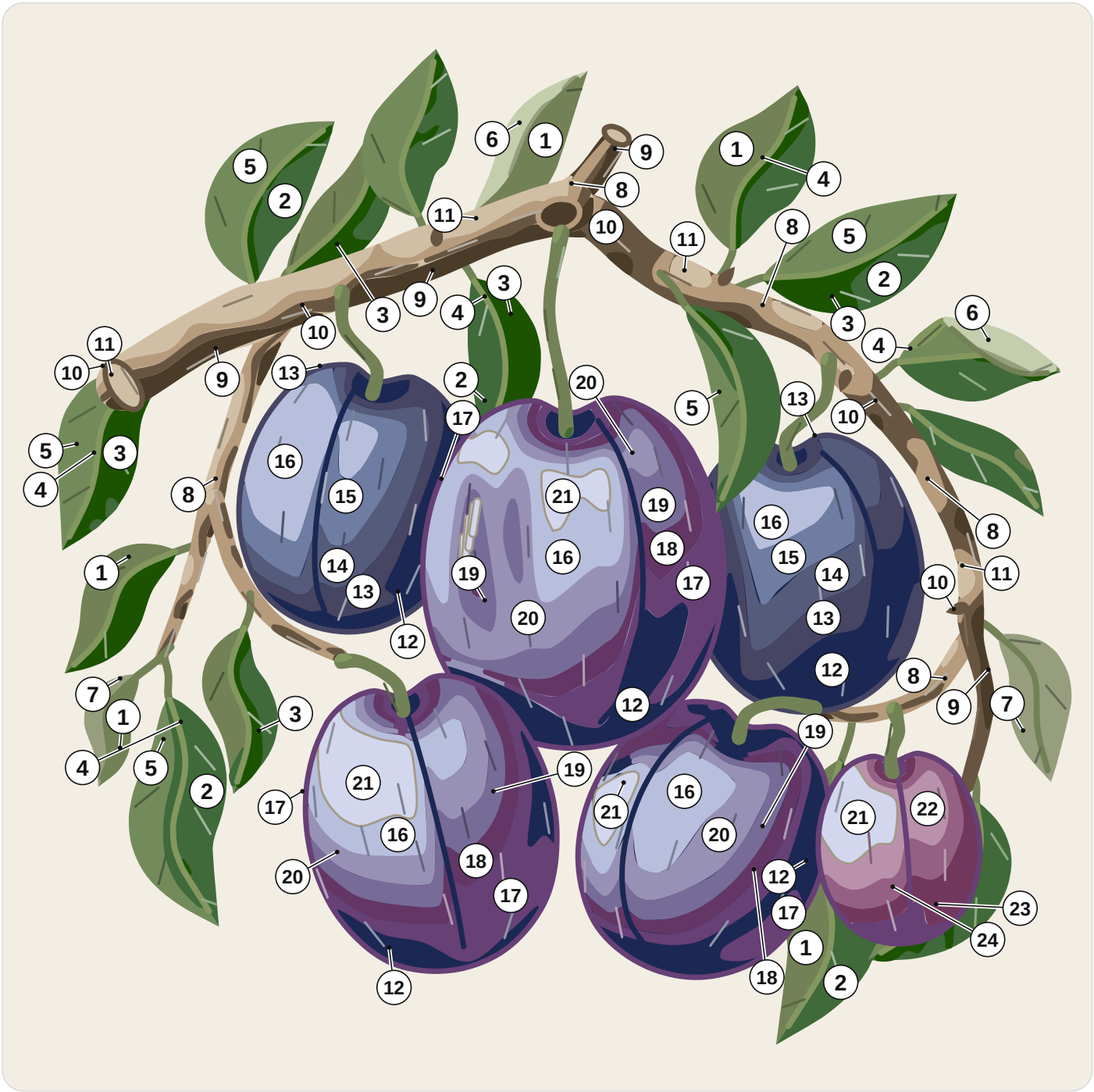
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	9	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	17	DMC 29 Eggplant
2	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	10	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	18	DMC 327 Dark Violet
3	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	11	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	19	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet
4	DMC 3364 Pine Green	12	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	20	DMC 155 Medium Dark Blue Violet
5	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	13	DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue	21	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet
6	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	14	DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue	22	DMC 3836 Light Grape
7	DMC 522 Fern Green	15	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue	23	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
8	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	16	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	24	DMC 3835 Medium Grape

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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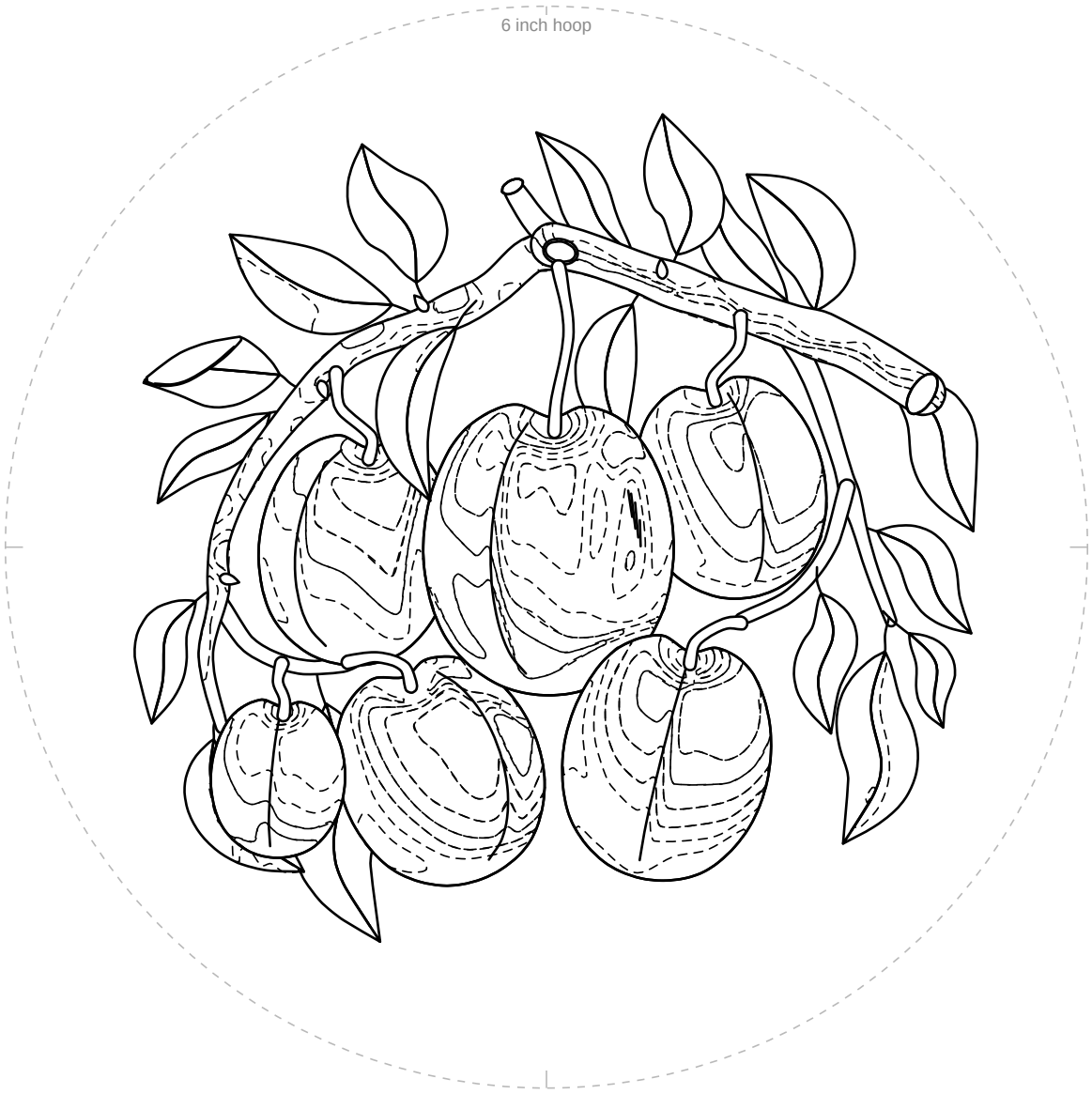
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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