Plum garland for a towel edge

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 2.2 in (11.4 × 5.6 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

12 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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**
   4 strands: stem
   3 strands: stalks

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Plums



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Plum skin, plum flesh



5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Rails



6. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Outer rails

7. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the leaves, plum seams, stone seams

8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Plum stones



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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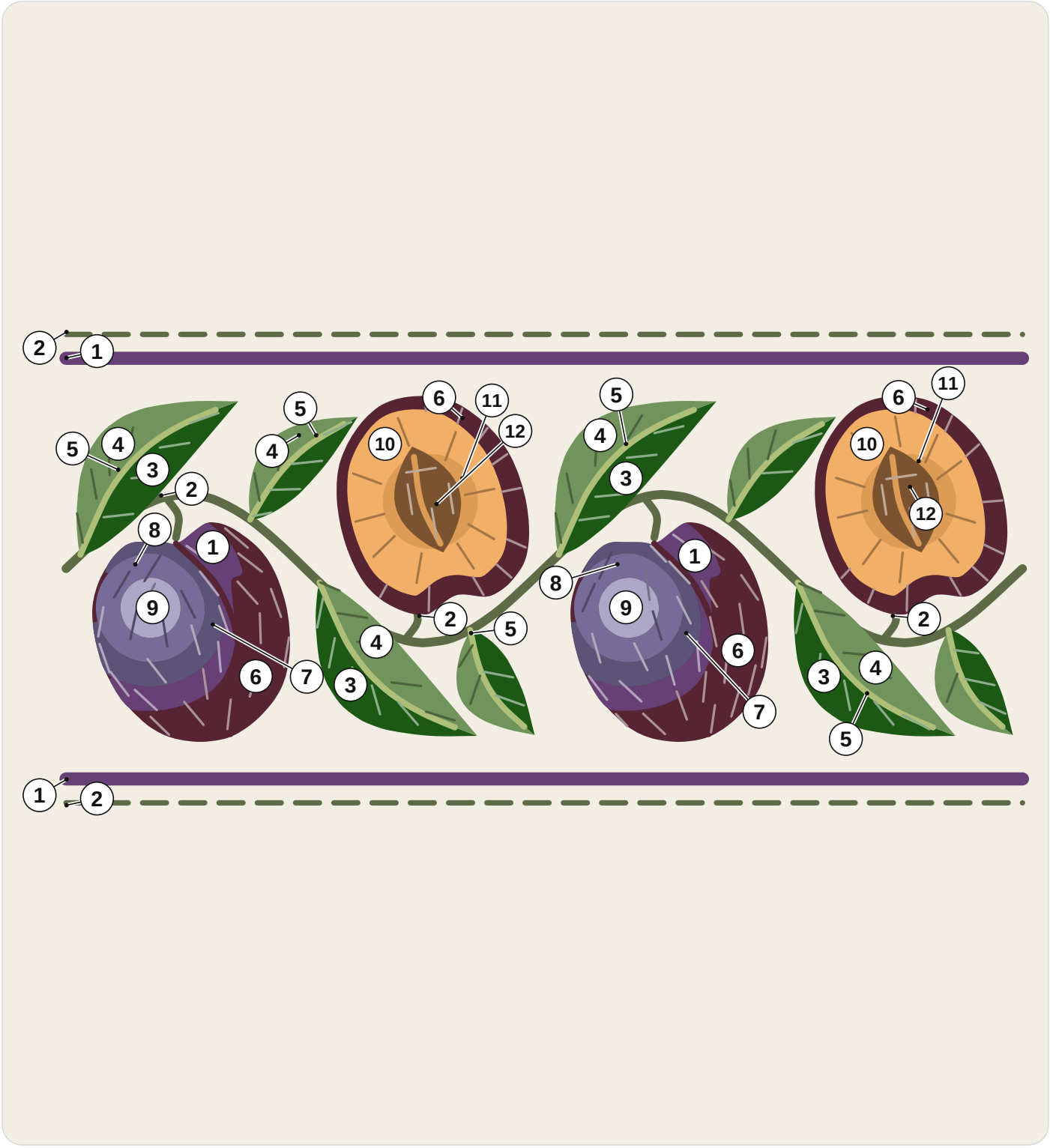
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 29 Eggplant	**5**	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	**9**	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet
2	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	**6**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	**10**	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold
3	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**7**	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet	**11**	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown
4	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**8**	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	**12**	DMC 433 Medium Brown

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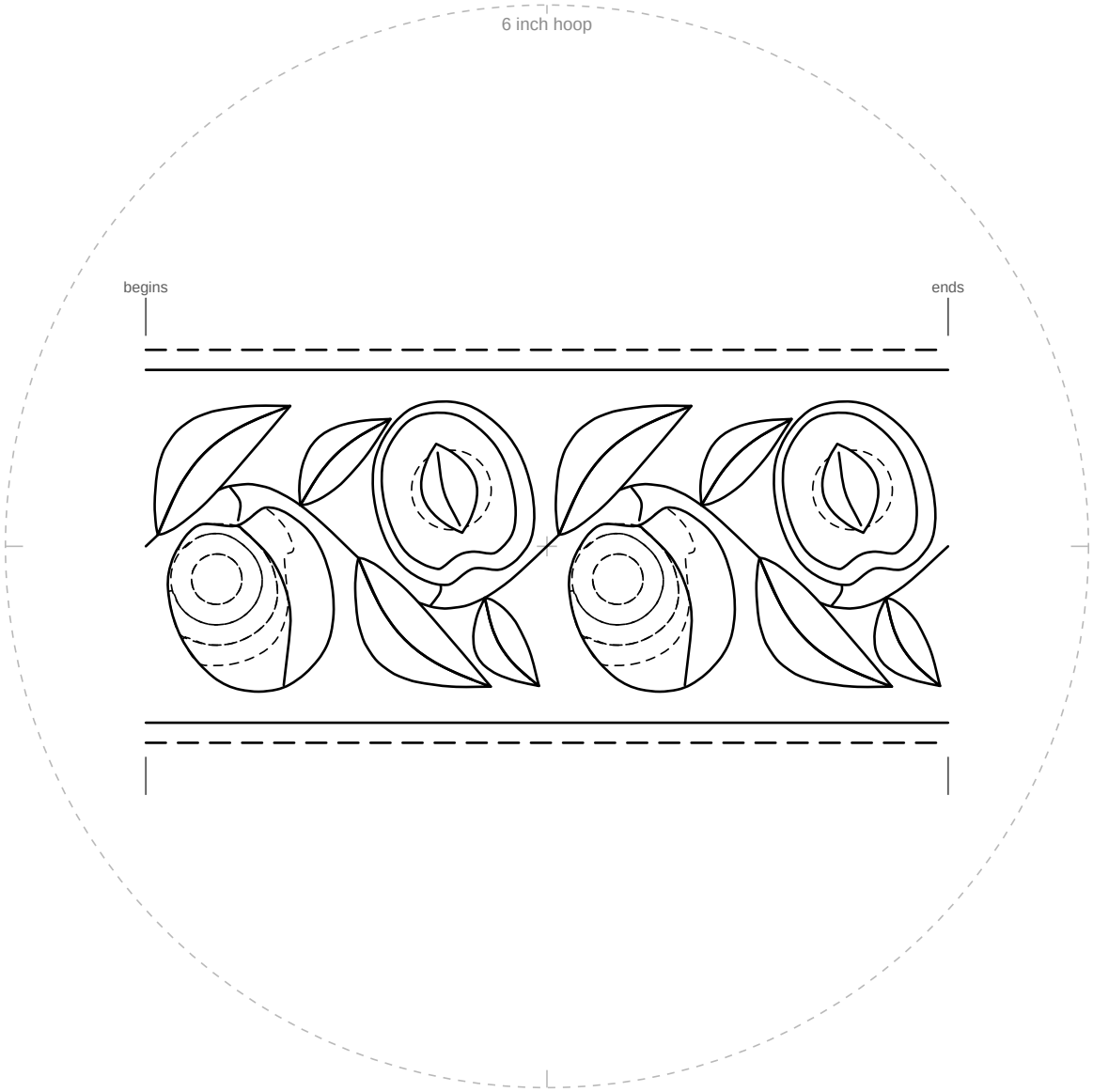
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a dashed line is running stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

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

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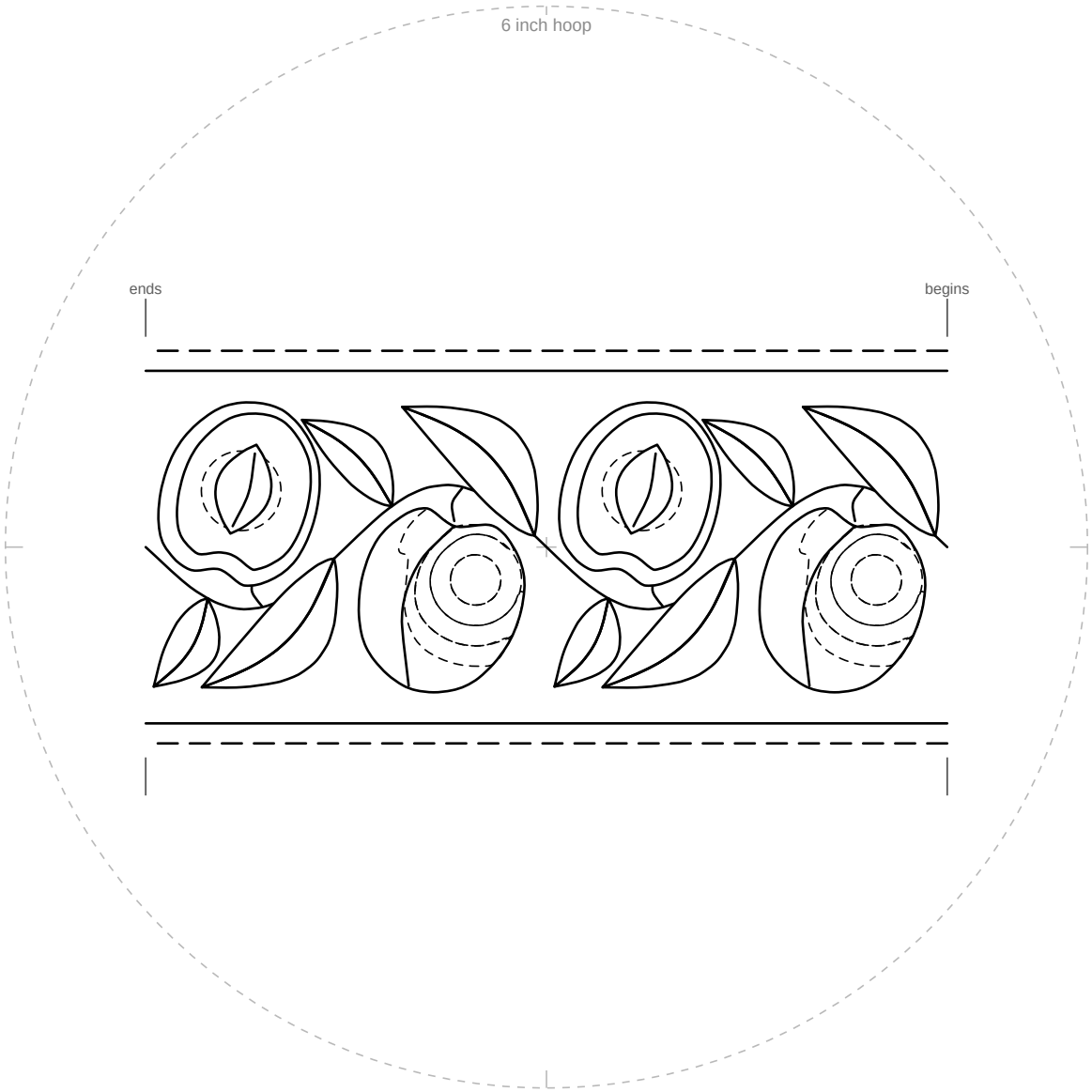
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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