Plum sprig in a fine line

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.1 in (11.9 × 10.4 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.

11 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**, 4 strands
   Fruit stalks

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Plum shadows, twig



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cut end of the twig, buds



Stitch in this order, continued

4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins (color 2), leaf shading, plum bloom, edges of the twig, edges of the buds
   2 strands: plum seams, plum shading

5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, leaf veins (color 1), leaf stalks, plum outlines

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 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**5**	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet	**9**	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown
2	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**6**	DMC 552 Medium Violet	**10**	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
3	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**7**	DMC 3838 Dark Lavender Blue	**11**	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
4	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	**8**	DMC 553 Violet		

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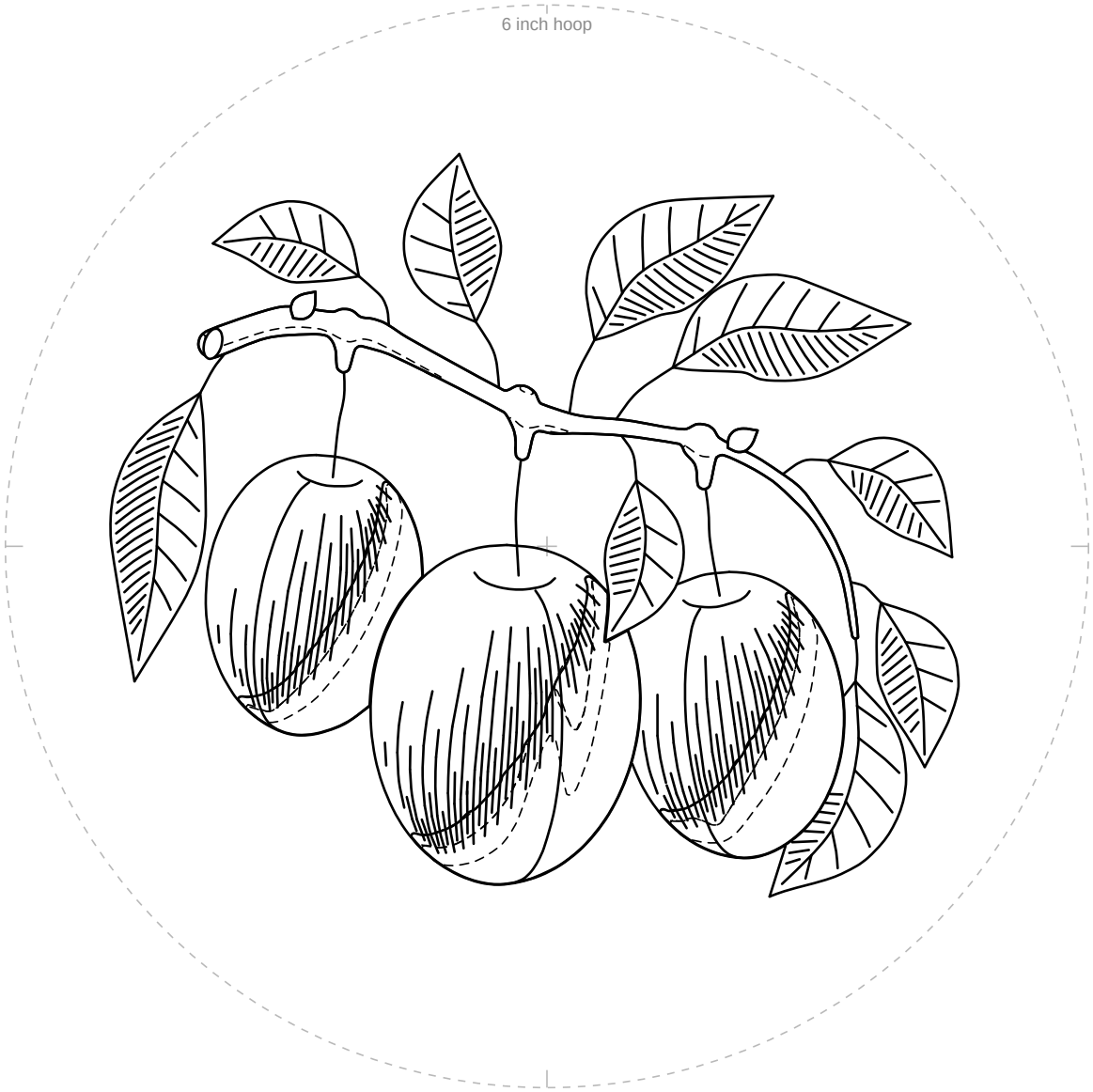
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



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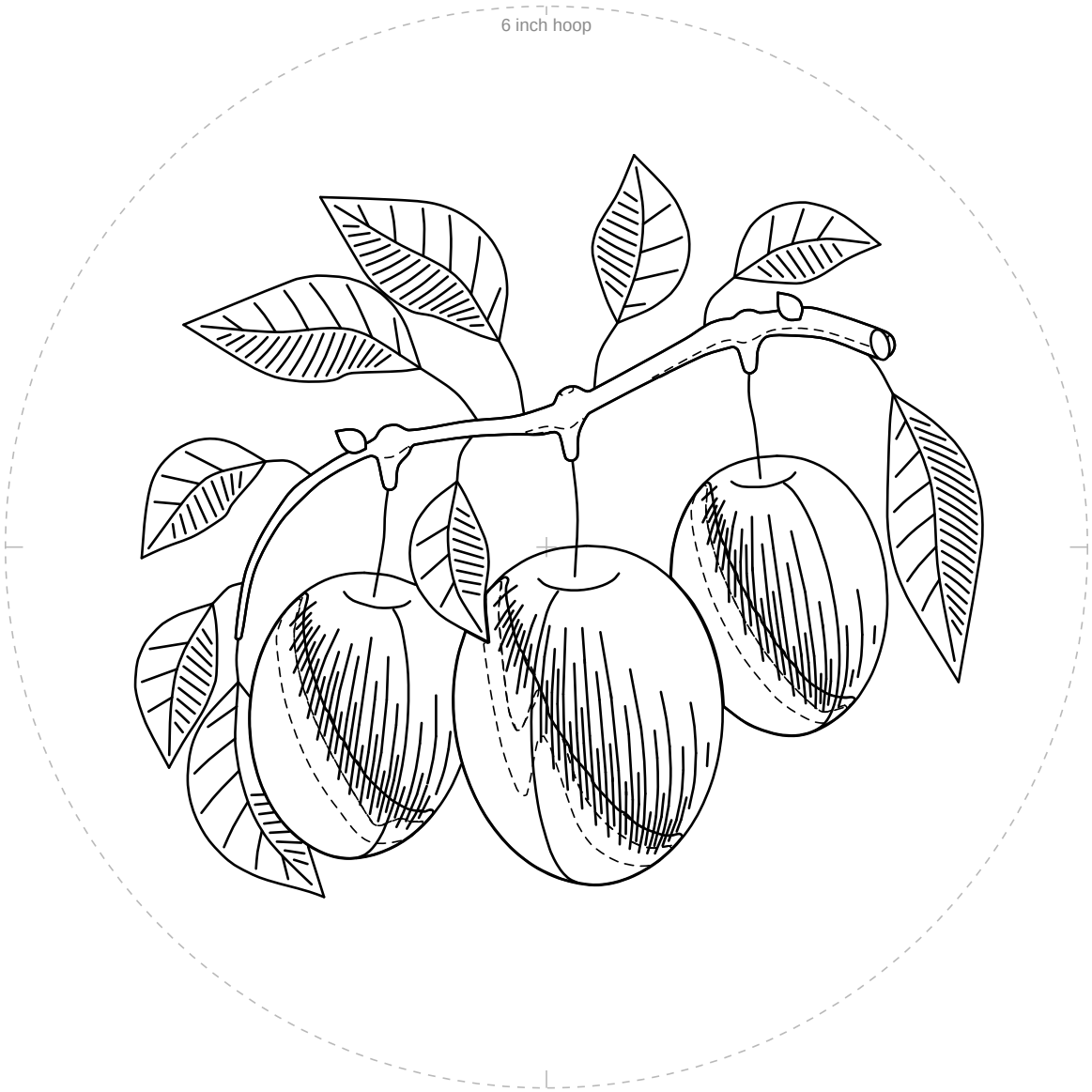
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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