Neckline with a primrose garland

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo 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 white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Sky, far ridge, far fields, near fields, brook, leaves, petals, buds, flower eyes



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24
   Sun, trees, cottage walls, cottage roof, cottage chimney, cottage door, sheep, sheep faces, green cups, flower throats, violets



3. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, color 15
   Tree trunks, sheep legs



4. **Buttonhole stitch**
   2 strands, color 4
   Neck edge



5. **Stem stitch**, colors 4, 12, 14, 18
   3 strands: yoke edge
   1 strand: leaf veins
   2 strands: stalks

6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 13, 17
   Petal edges, green cup ribs

7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 4, 5, 10, 13, 14, 16
   2 strands: hedges, knots of the trees, blossom trees, knots of the flower throats, violet centers
   1 strand: cottage windows



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 3364 Pine Green	17	DMC 833 Light Golden Olive
2	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	10	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	18	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink
3	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	11	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	19	DMC 445 Light Lemon
4	DMC 3078 Very Light Golden Yellow	12	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	20	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz
5	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	13	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	21	DMC 3822 Light Straw
6	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	14	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	22	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine
7	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	15	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	23	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet
8	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	16	DMC 3865 Winter White	24	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet

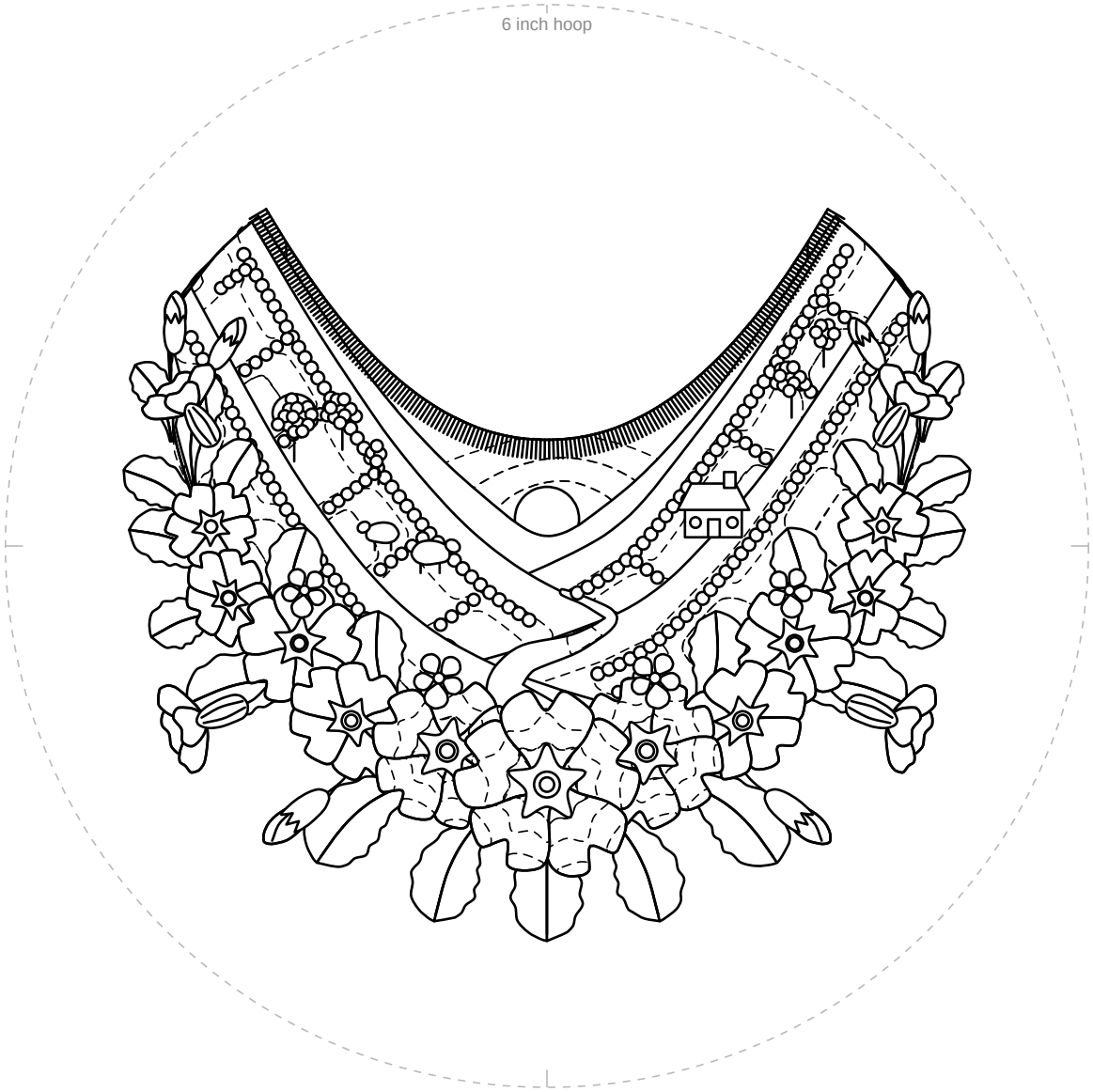
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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