Rainbow with daisies

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.8 in (12.4 × 12.2 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.

16 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**, 2 strands, color 7
   Stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 7, 8, 9, 10
   Leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14
   3 strands: coral band, apricot band, butter band, green band, sky band, lavender band, daisy petals
   2 strands: buds, bud cups, back petals, daisy centers



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 13
   Petal edges

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 11
   Petal shadows



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 1, 3, 6, 15, 16
   Blossoms, knots of the daisy centers



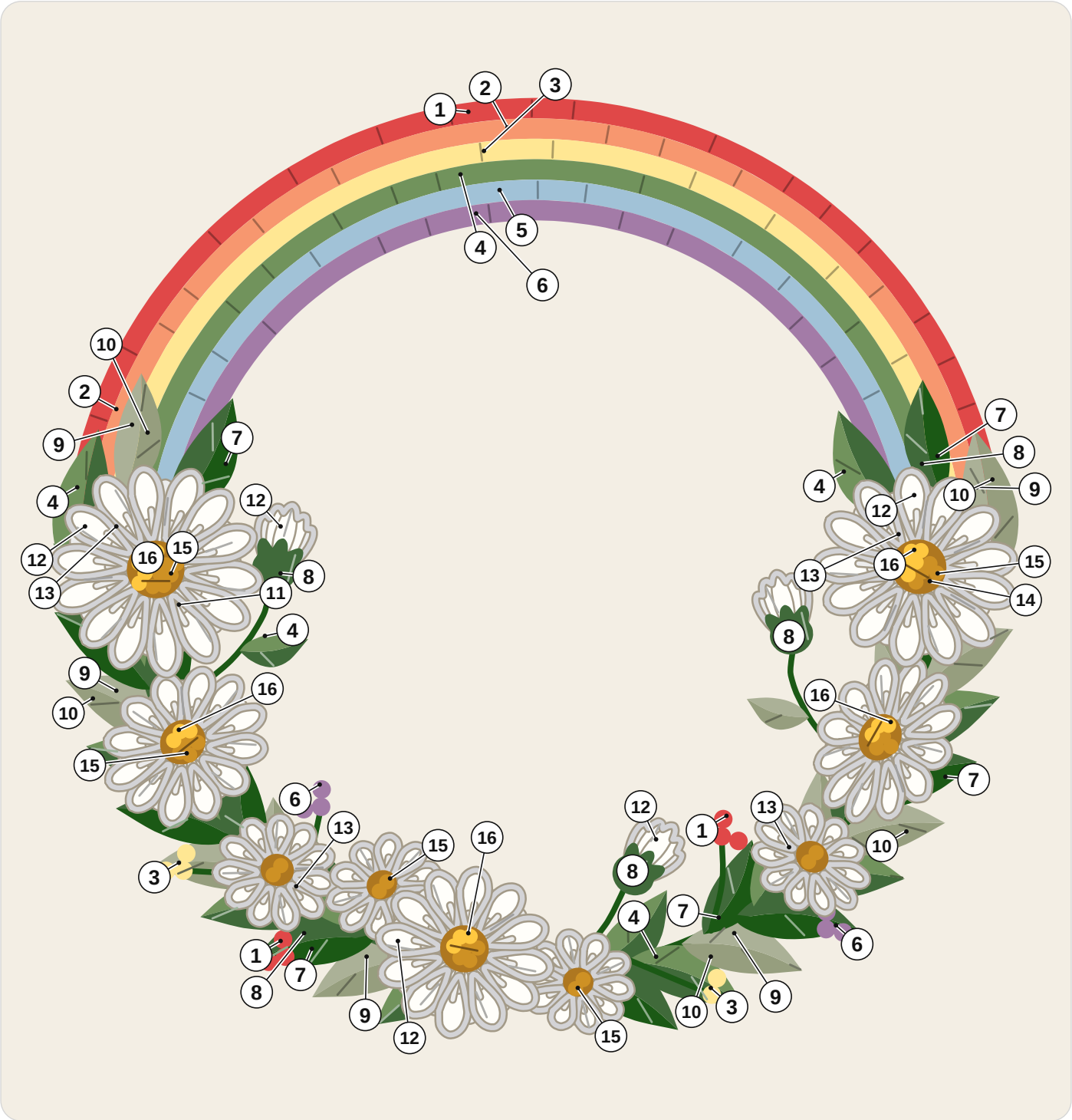
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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



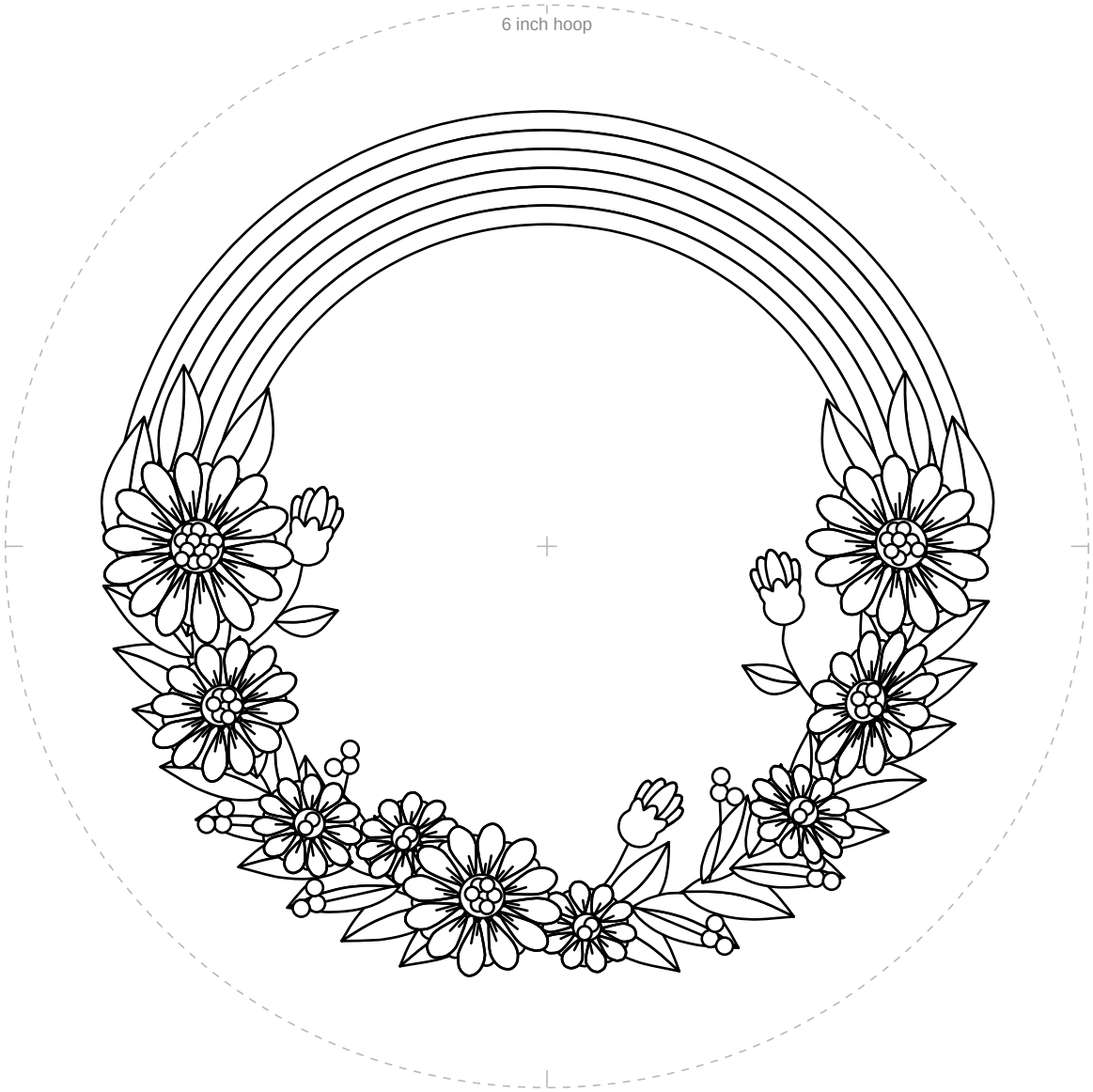
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2	DMC 722 Light Orange Spice	8	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	14	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
3	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	9	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	15	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
4	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	10	DMC 522 Fern Green	16	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
5	DMC 813 Light Blue	11	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray		
6	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	12	DMC BLANC White		

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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.



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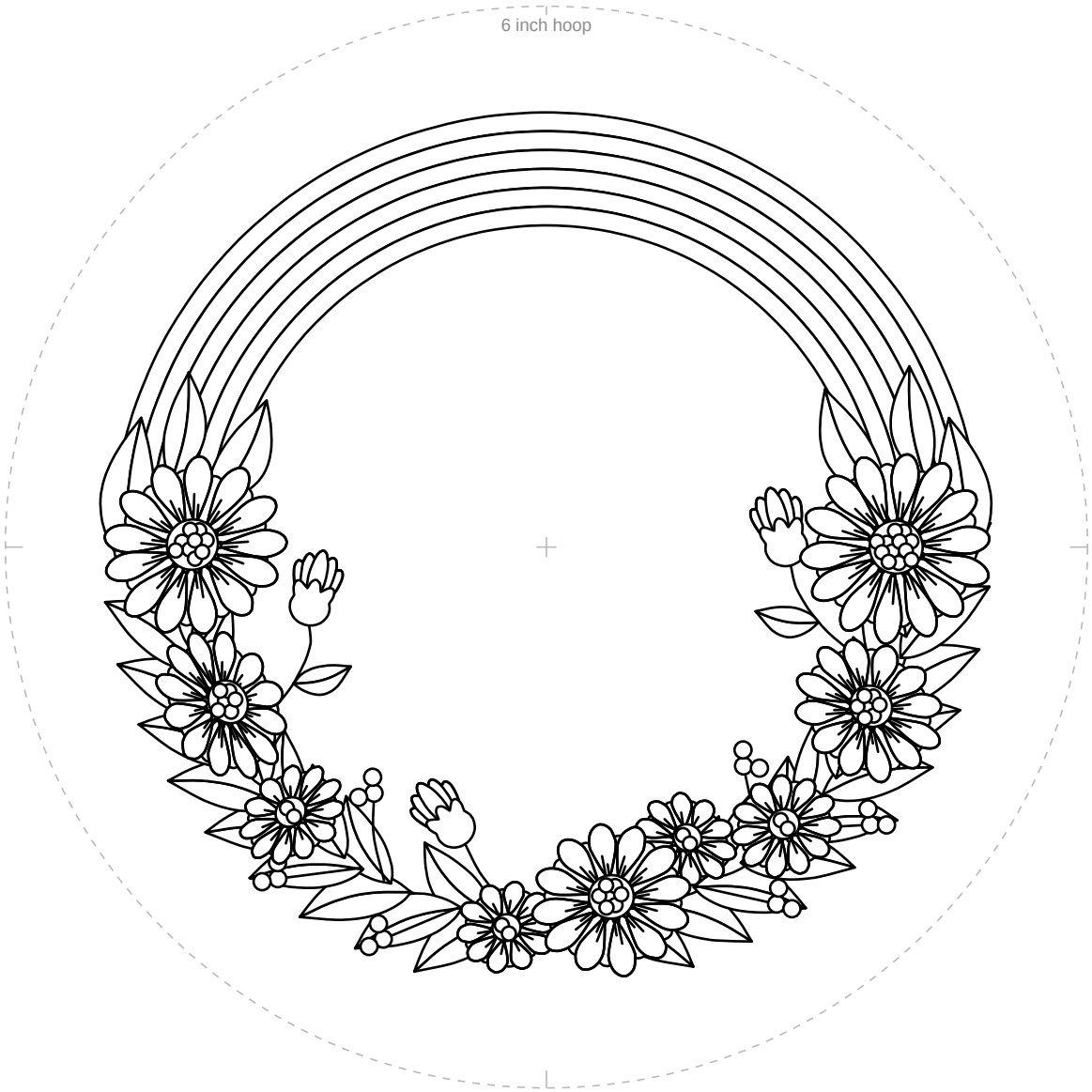
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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