Ribbon work lilac bouquet

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon tails, stems, cut ends, leaves, turned edges, spray shade, rolled tips, ribbon wraps, bow insides, bow loops
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Closed buds, floret loops, bow knot
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Ribbon edge, leaf veins, bow creases
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, bud stalk
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sepals, puckers
6. **French knot**, 3 strands, two wraps
   Gold hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 712 Cream**
  Bow loops, ribbon tails, ribbon wraps and bow knot (light), rolled tips (lightest)
- **2 DMC 451 Dark Shell Gray**
  Stems and ribbon edge, bow insides (darker), ribbon tails (dark) and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 950 Light Desert Sand**
  Ribbon tails, bow loops, ribbon wraps and bow knot (middle), bow insides (lighter)
- **4 DMC 3053 Green Gray**
  Leaf veins (lighter), turned edges and cut ends
- **5 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Leaves (darker), bud stalk
- **6 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Leaves (lighter), sepals, leaf veins (darker)
- **7 DMC 3837 Ultra Dark Lavender**
  Spray shade (lighter), floret loops (darkest), closed buds and puckers (dark)
- **8 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet**
  Floret loops (middle dark), closed buds and puckers (middle)
- **9 DMC 550 Very Dark Violet**
  Spray shade (darker), closed buds and puckers (darkest)
- **10 DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender**
  Floret loops (dark), rolled tips (darkest)
- **11 DMC 209 Dark Lavender**
  Rolled tips (dark), puckers and closed buds (light)
- **12 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Gold hearts
- **13 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Floret loops (middle light), rolled tips (middle dark)
- **14 DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet**
  Rolled tips (middle light)
- **15 DMC 554 Light Violet**
  Floret loops (light), closed buds and puckers (lightest)
- **16 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink**
  Floret loops (lightest), rolled tips (light)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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3	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand	**9**	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet	**15**	DMC 554 Light Violet
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5	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	**11**	DMC 209 Dark Lavender		
6	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	**12**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: bud stalk; 2 strands: leaf veins.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: sepals; 1 strand: puckers.

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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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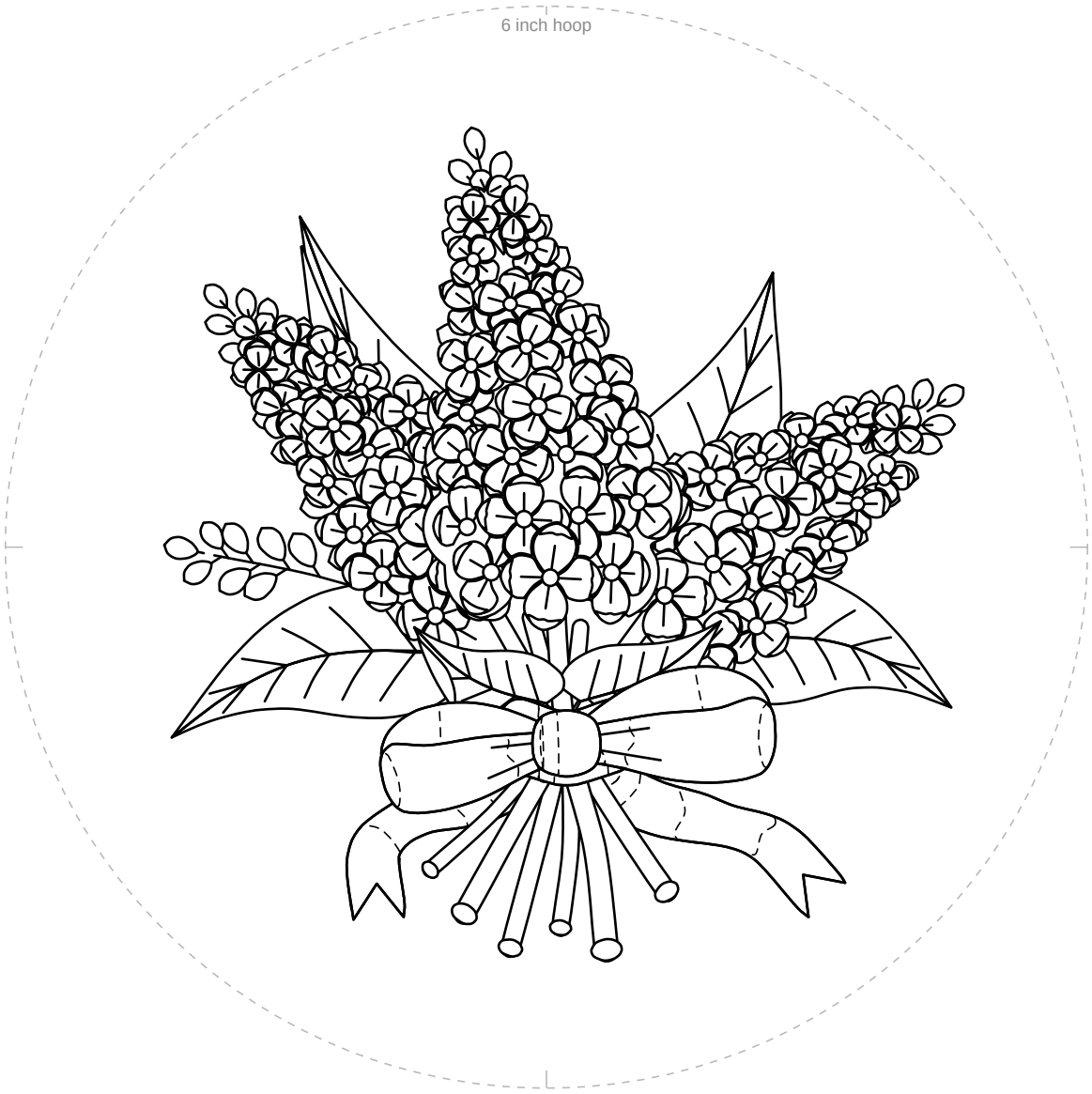
6 inch hoop

Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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