V neckline with rose and leaves

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.2 in (10.4 × 10.7 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen.

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

19 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. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: main stems
   2 strands: leaf stalks
   1 strand: blossom sprigs

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



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Small roses, rosebuds, rose petals, rose center



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Back band, neck band, rose cups, turned petal edges



5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: back cord
   2 strands: gold cord, shoulder seams

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Gold blossoms



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 841 Light Beige Brown	8	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	15	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta
2	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	9	DMC 3053 Green Gray	16	DMC 754 Light Peach
3	DMC 712 Cream	10	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	17	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 3822 Light Straw	18	DMC 948 Very Light Peach
5	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	12	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	19	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	13	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta		
7	DMC 502 Blue Green	14	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta		

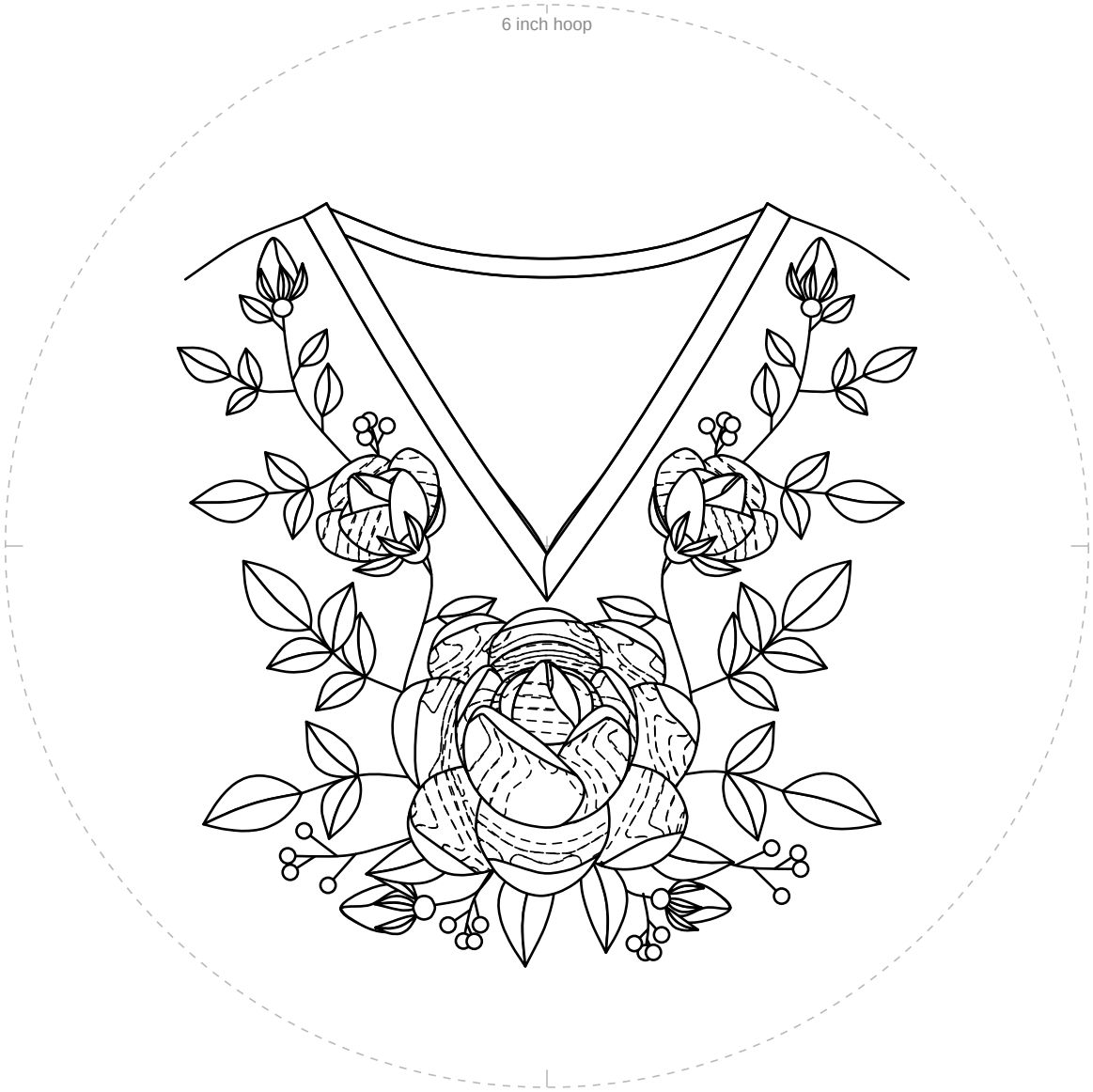
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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