Simple blouse back neck, chain and buds

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.6 in (9.7 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Vine
2. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the stamens
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Drop leaves
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Open buds, buds, lotus, drop lotus
5. **Chain stitch**
   3 strands: inner chain, drop chain
   4 strands: outer chain
6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Shoulder seams
7. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Scalloped edge, open buds edge, lotus edge, drop lotus edge
8. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: sepals
   1 strand: lines of the leaves
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands: loops of the leaves
   3 strands: loops of the buds
10. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Knots in the crooks, knots of the stamens, drop knots

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

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.

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.

Buy: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 3820 Dark Straw	**4**	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry	**7**	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
2	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**5**	DMC 352 Light Coral		
3	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	**6**	DMC 353 Peach		

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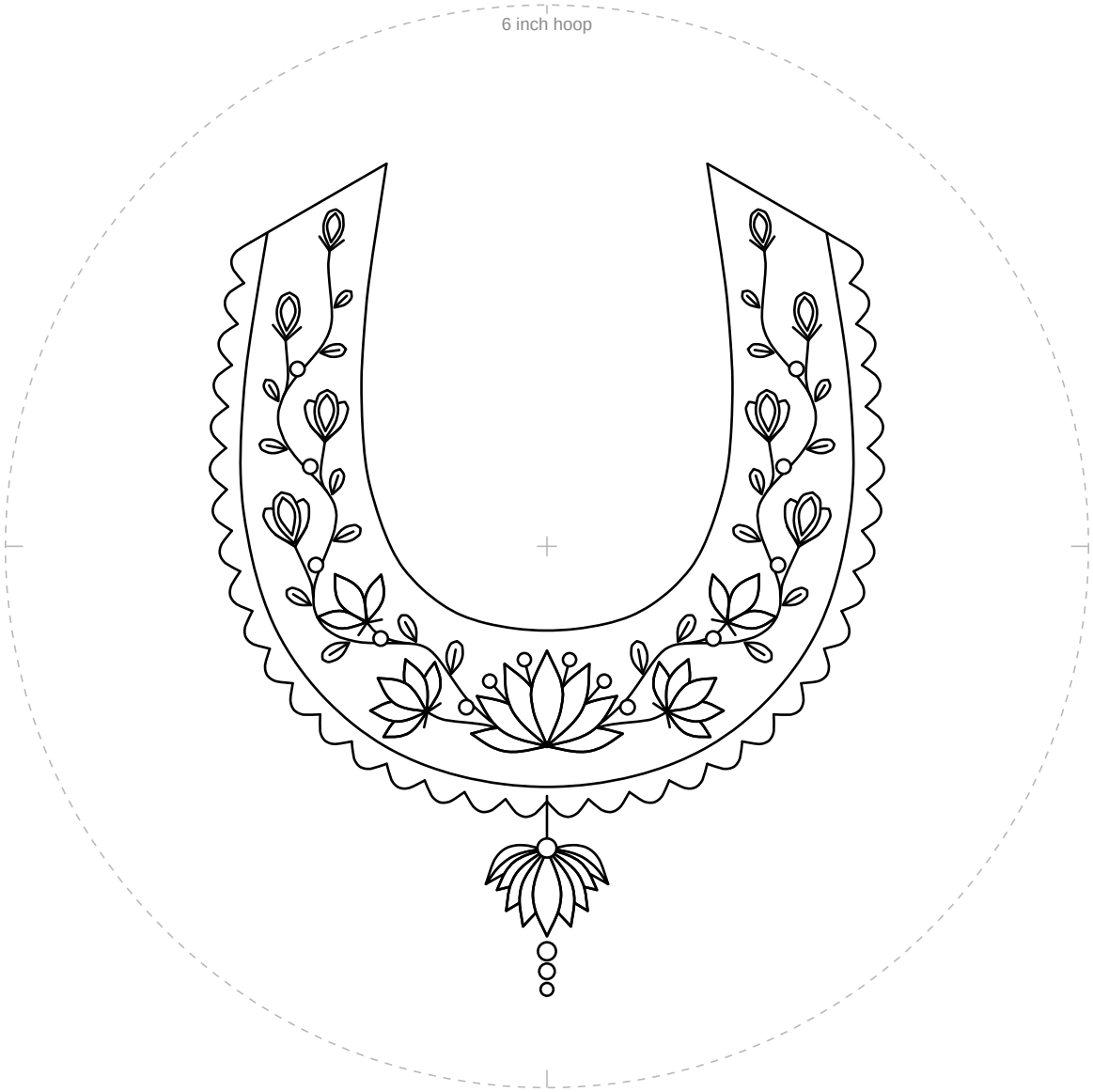
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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