Six color rainbow

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.3 in (12.2 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue 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 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15
   Clouds, zinnias



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4, 5, 7, 12, 19
   Clematis petals, wings, bee body, bee stripes, bee head



3. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 9, 10, 11
   Leaves



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 9, 19
   3 strands: vine
   1 strand: wing edges, bee edge, antennae

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 7
   Daisies



6. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 7
   Daisies



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12
   Clematis centers, forget-me-nots, forget-me-not eyes, vine bud, daisy centers, zinnia centers



8. **Woven wheel stitch**
   4 strands, colors 16, 17, 18
   Roses

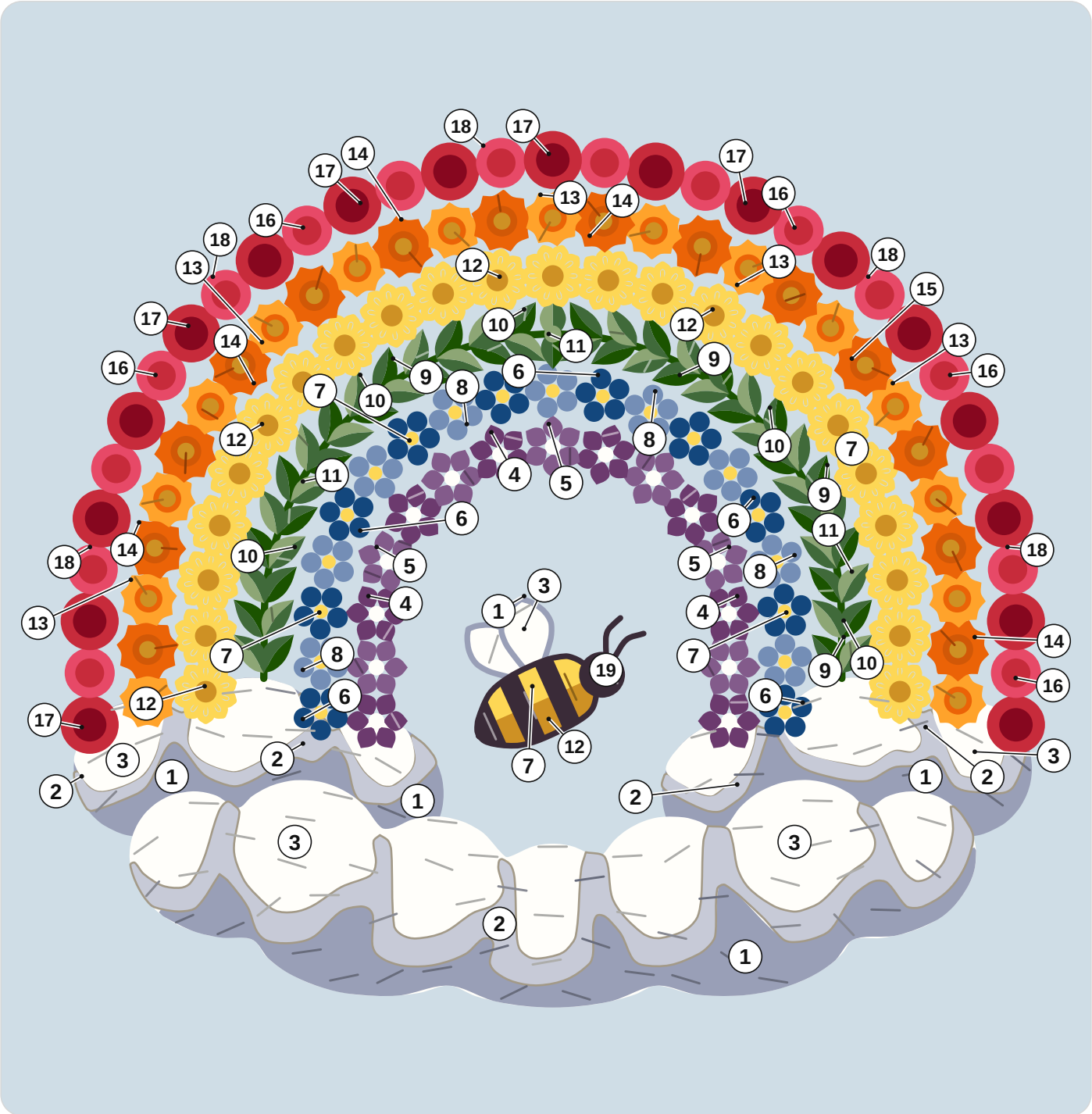
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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



1	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	8	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	15	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange
2	DMC 159 Light Gray Blue	9	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	16	DMC 321 Red
3	DMC BLANC White	10	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	17	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 3837 Ultra Dark Lavender	11	DMC 989 Forest Green	18	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
5	DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	19	DMC 3371 Black Brown
6	DMC 797 Royal Blue	13	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine		
7	DMC 726 Light Topaz	14	DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange		

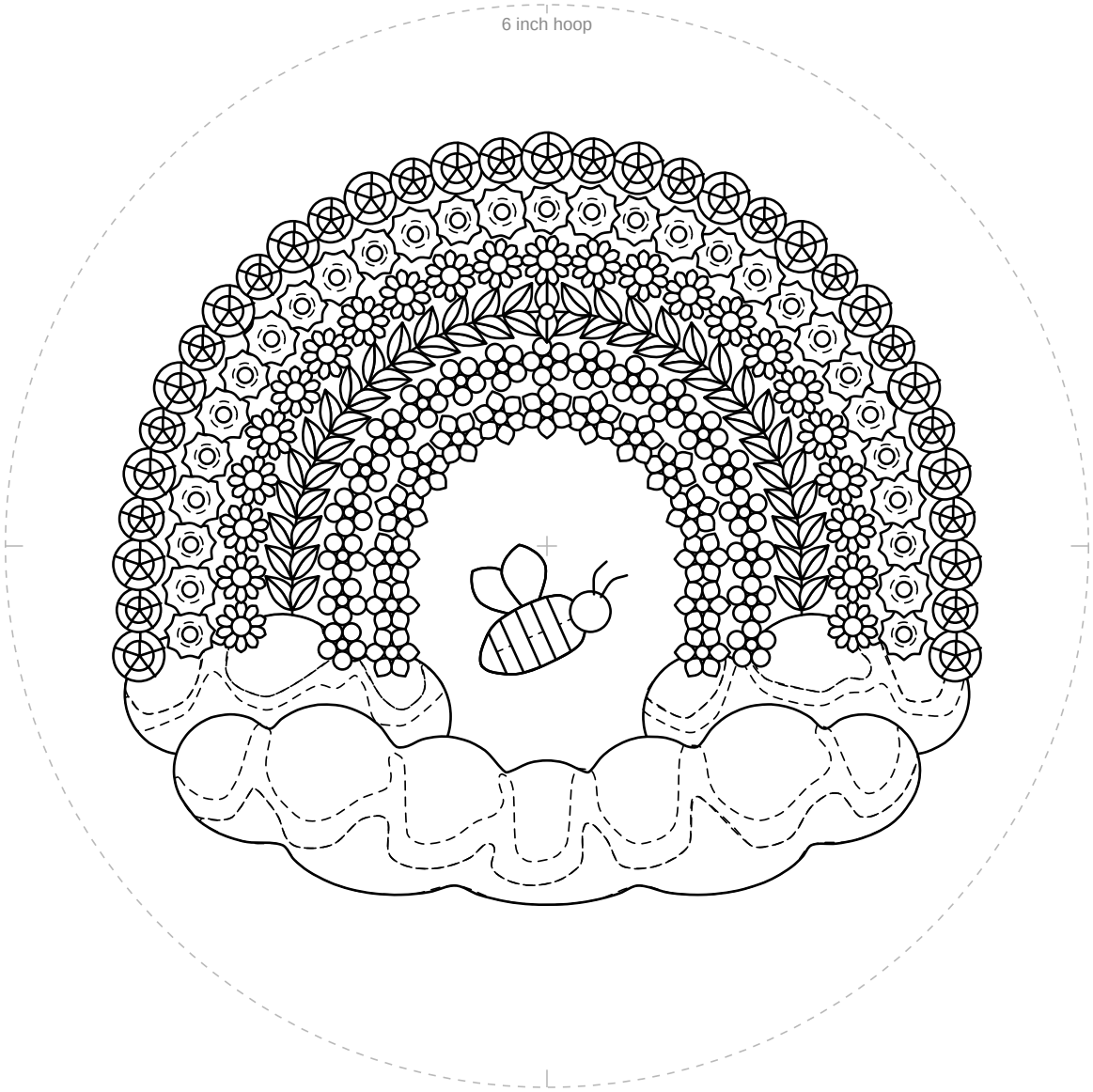
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6 inch hoop

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; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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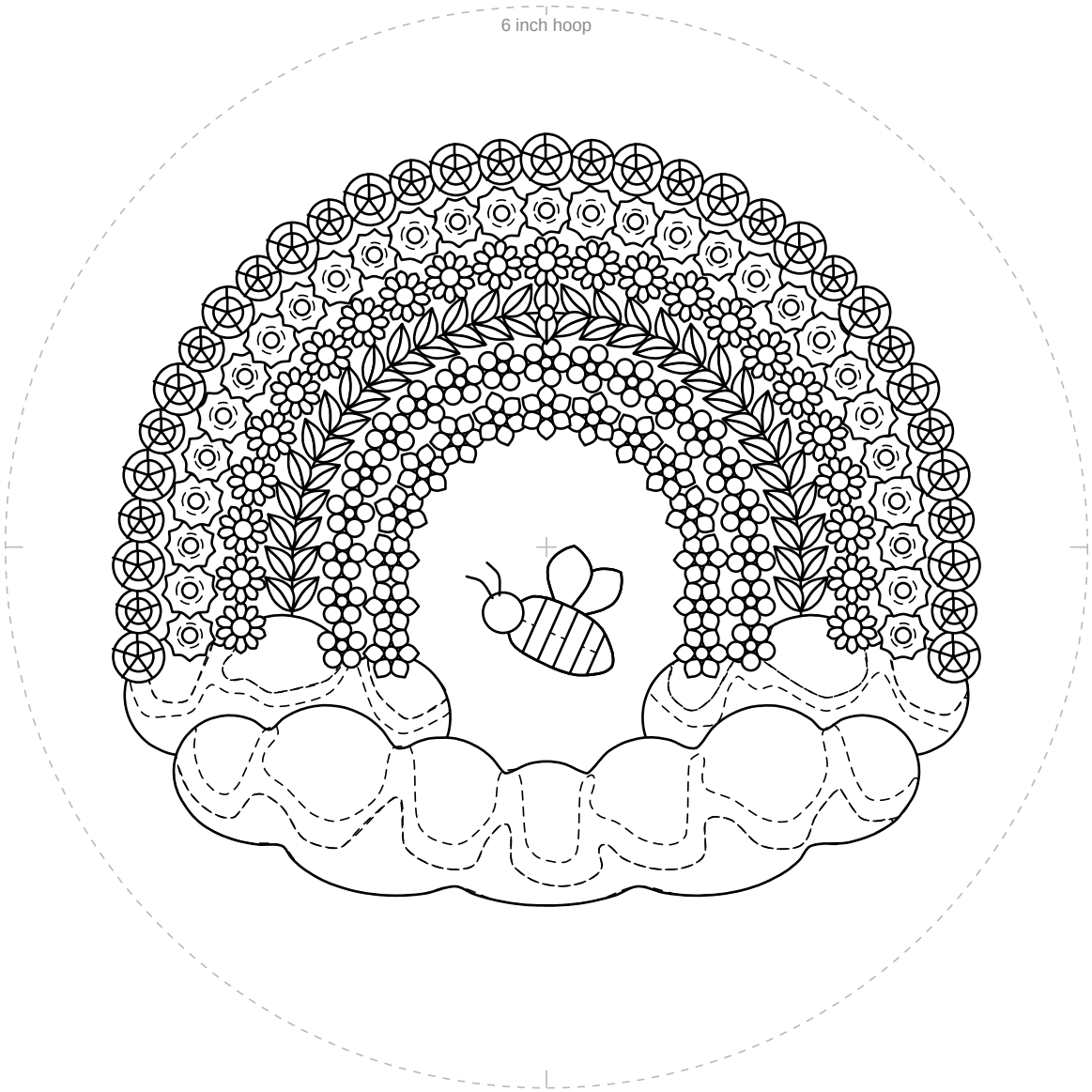
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