Small Texas bluebonnet sprig

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3 × 4.1 in (7.6 × 10.4 cm).



Which color goes where.

Floss

- **DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Leaves (darker), stems and leaf stalks
- **DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Leaves (lighter), calyx
- **DMC 341 Light Blue Violet**
  Banner petals (lighter), wing petals (light), young florets, white tips (darker)
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  White tips and petal flecks (lighter)
- **DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Banner petals (darker), wing petals (middle)
- **DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue**
  Wing petals (dark), ladybug line, ladybug legs, ladybug spots and ladybug head
- **DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Ladybug wings, petal flecks (darker)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Stitches

- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaves
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 4 strands
  Leaf stalks, stems
- **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
  Young florets
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Young florets, petal flecks, calyx, ladybug legs, ladybug line
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Banner petals, wing petals, ladybug wings
- **French knot**, 1 to 3 strands, two wraps
  White tips, ladybug head, ladybug spots

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.
3. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

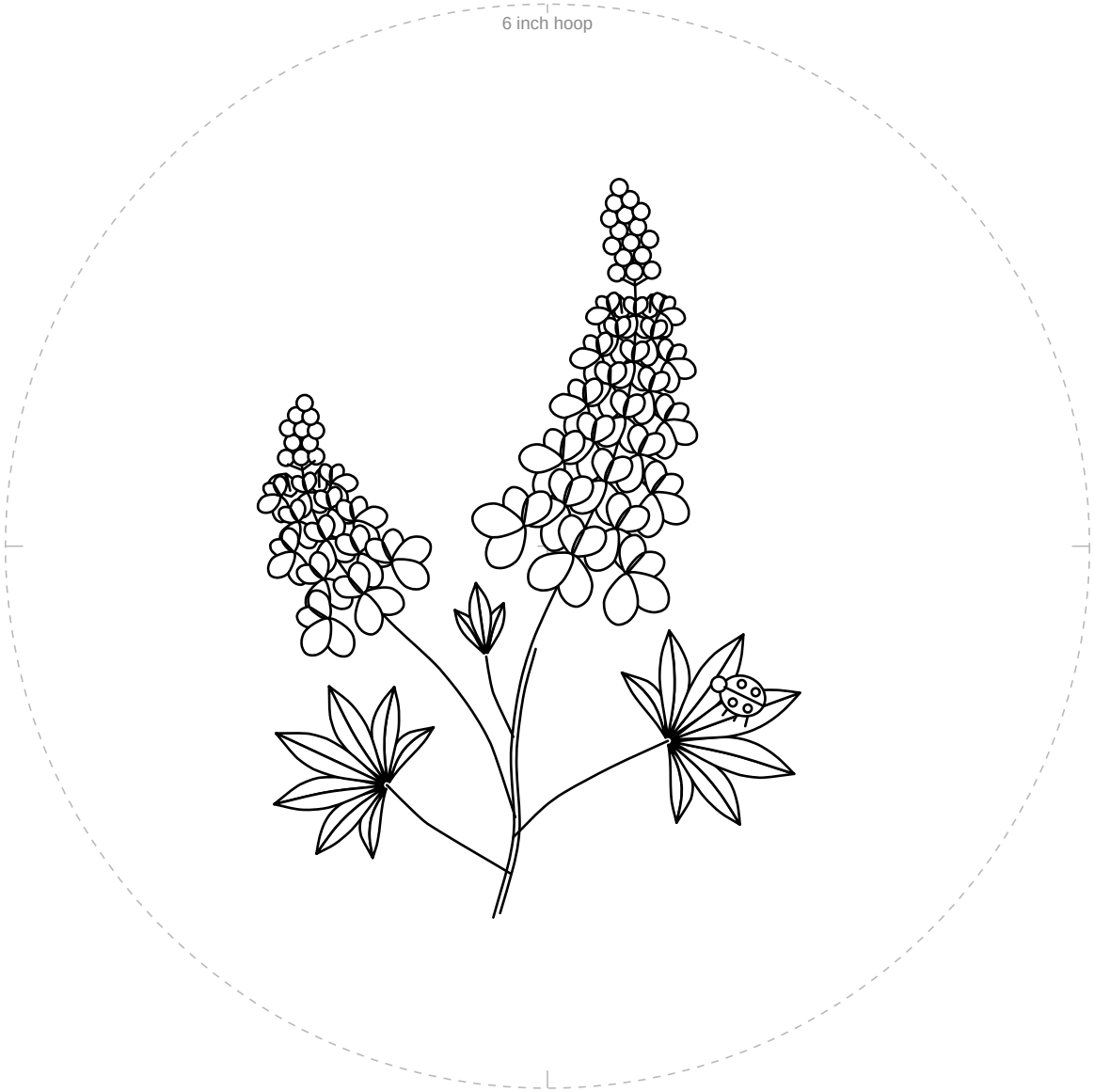
The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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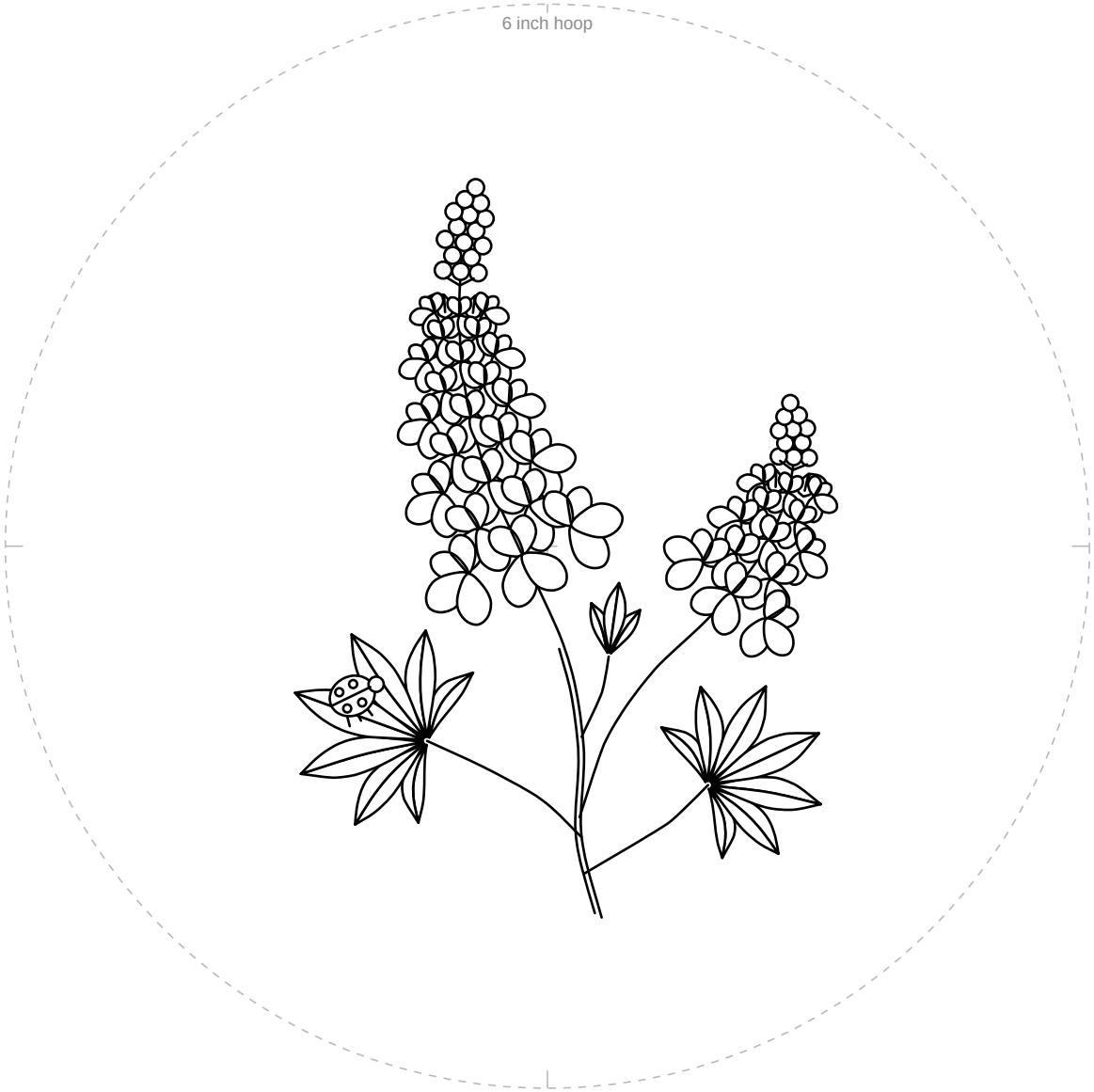
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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