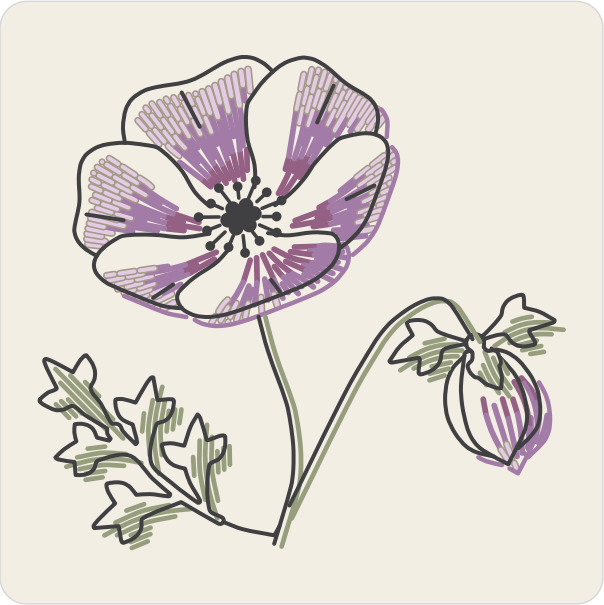
Small watercolor flower pen sketch

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.3 × 3.1 in (8.4 × 7.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3835 Medium Grape**
  Petal wash and bud wash (dark)
- **2 DMC 209 Dark Lavender**
  Petal wash and bud wash (middle)
- **3 DMC 211 Light Lavender**
  Petal wash and bud wash (light)
- **4 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Petal outlines, leaf outlines, stems, ruff outlines and bud outlines and 3 more parts
- **5 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Leaf wash, ruff wash and stem wash

Stitch in this order

1. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Petal wash, bud wash, ruff wash, stem wash, leaf wash

2. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Petal wash, bud wash

3. **Back stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Petal outlines, petal folds, bud outlines, ruff outlines, stems, leaf outlines

4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Flower heart, stamens



In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is running stitch.

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 1 to 3 strands: petal wash; 1 or 3 strands: bud wash; 2 strands: ruff wash, stem wash, leaf wash.
Back stitch. 2 strands: petal outlines, bud outlines, ruff outlines, stems, leaf outlines; 1 strand: petal folds.

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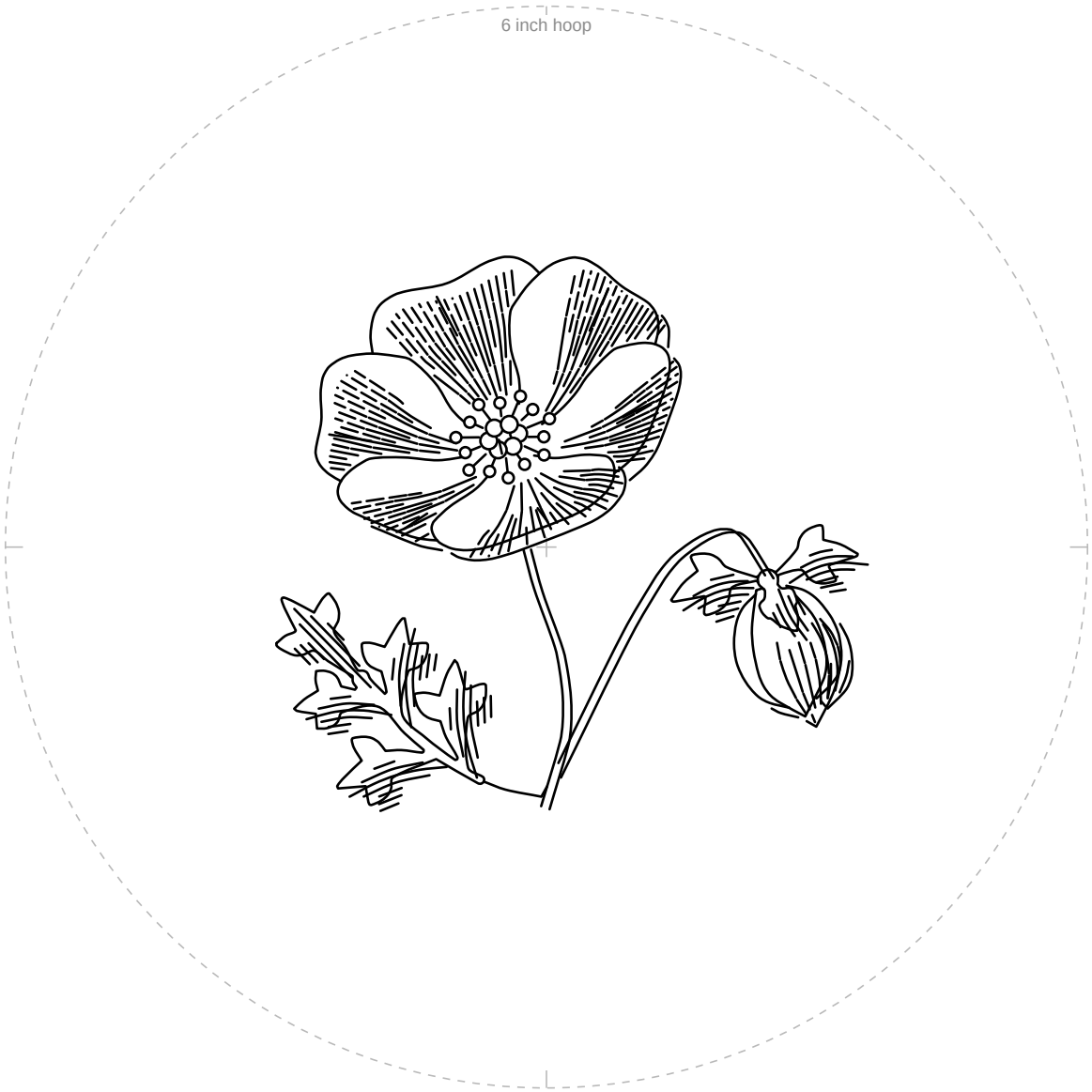
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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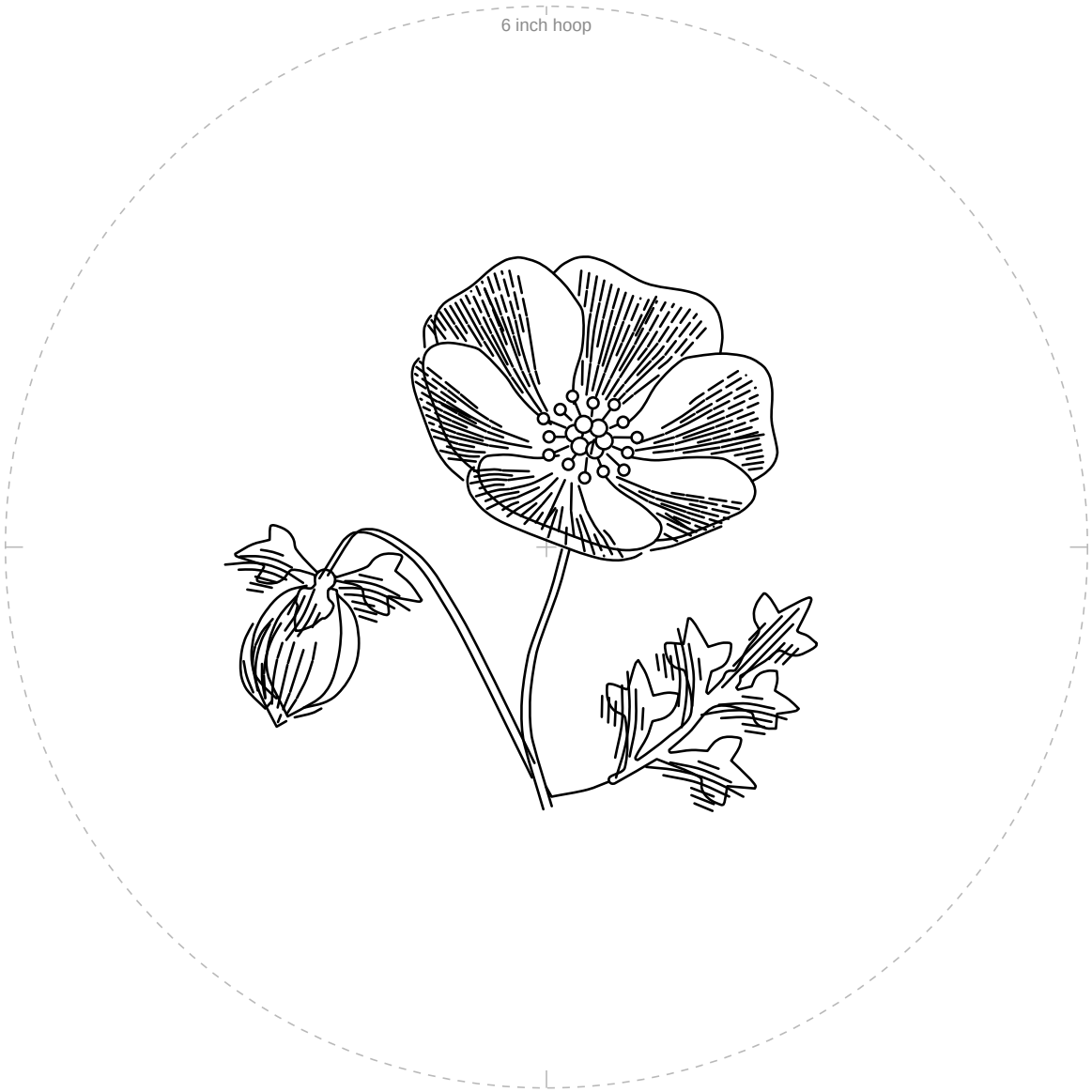
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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