Snowflake in a hexagon frame

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.7 in (10.4 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

11 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Whiplash stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Glazed panes



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame, berries, outer fleurs, inner fleurs, arms, arm bands, hub



5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: pane lines
   4 strands: inner frame line
   1 strand: lines of the mistletoe leaves, arm veins
   2 strands: snowflake edges (color 11)

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry edges

7. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Snowflake edges (color 11)

8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Hub boss



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Hub knots



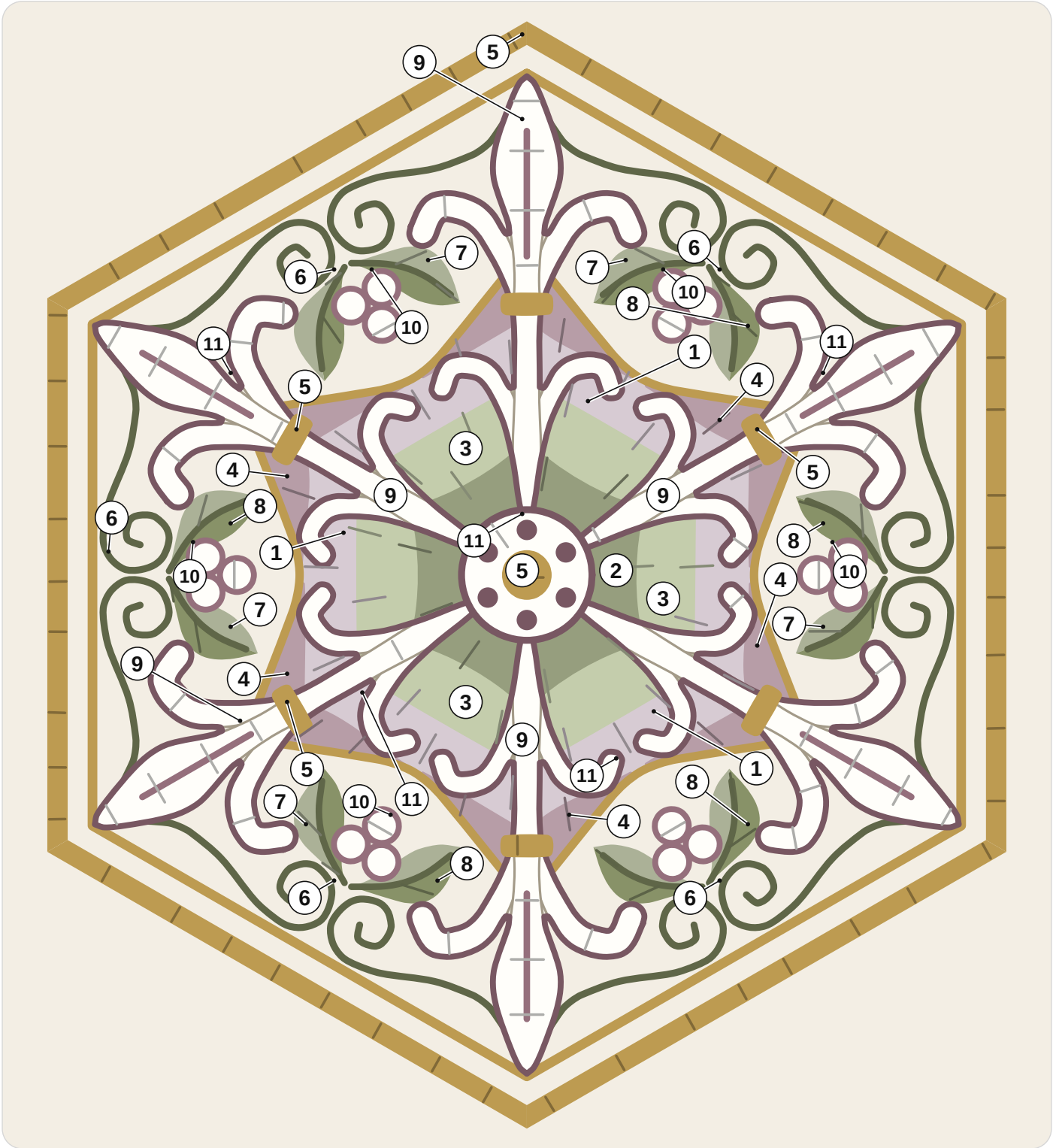
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	**5**	DMC 832 Golden Olive	**9**	DMC BLANC White
2	DMC 522 Fern Green	**6**	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	**10**	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet
3	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	**7**	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	**11**	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet
4	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	**8**	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray		

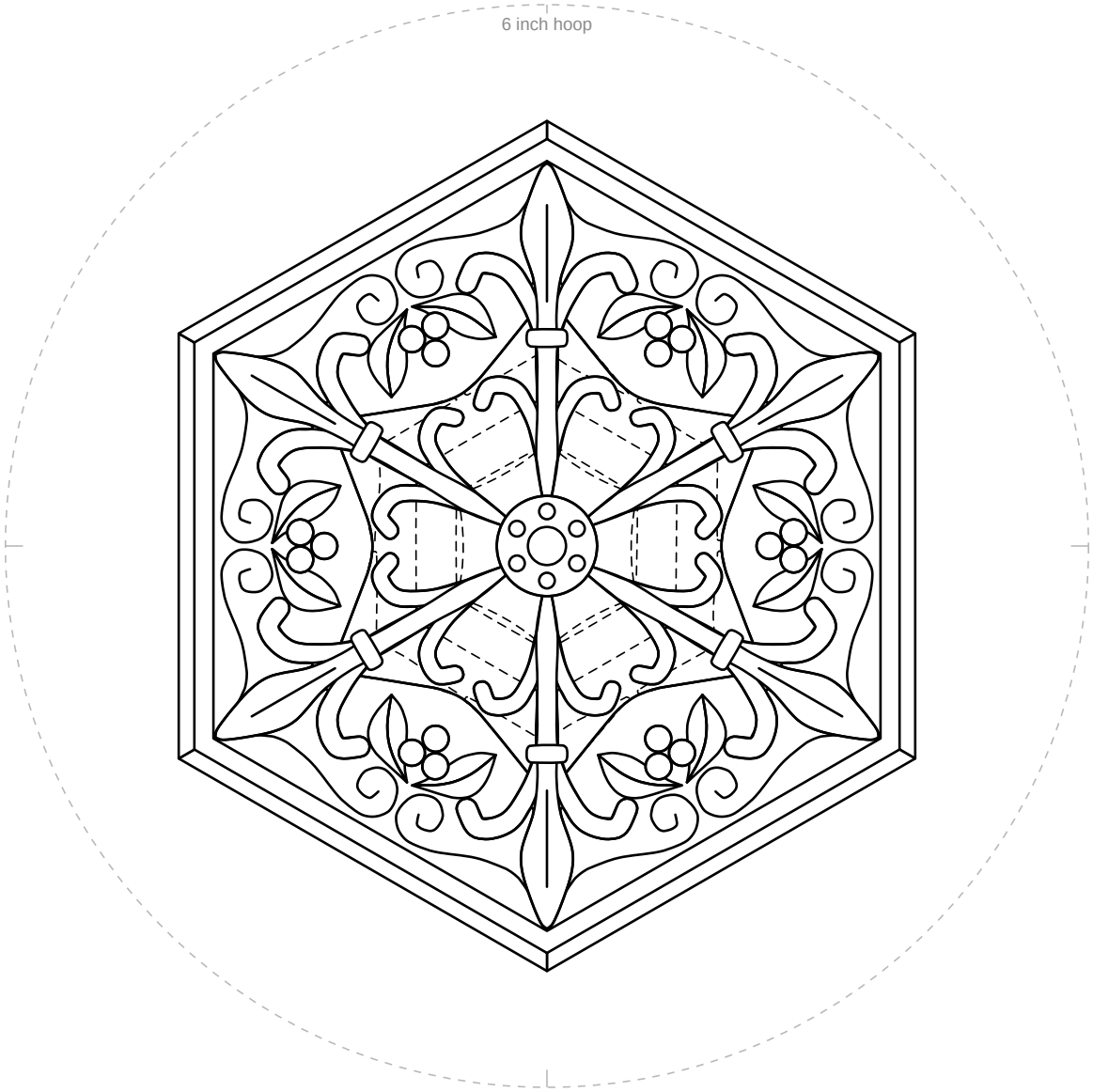
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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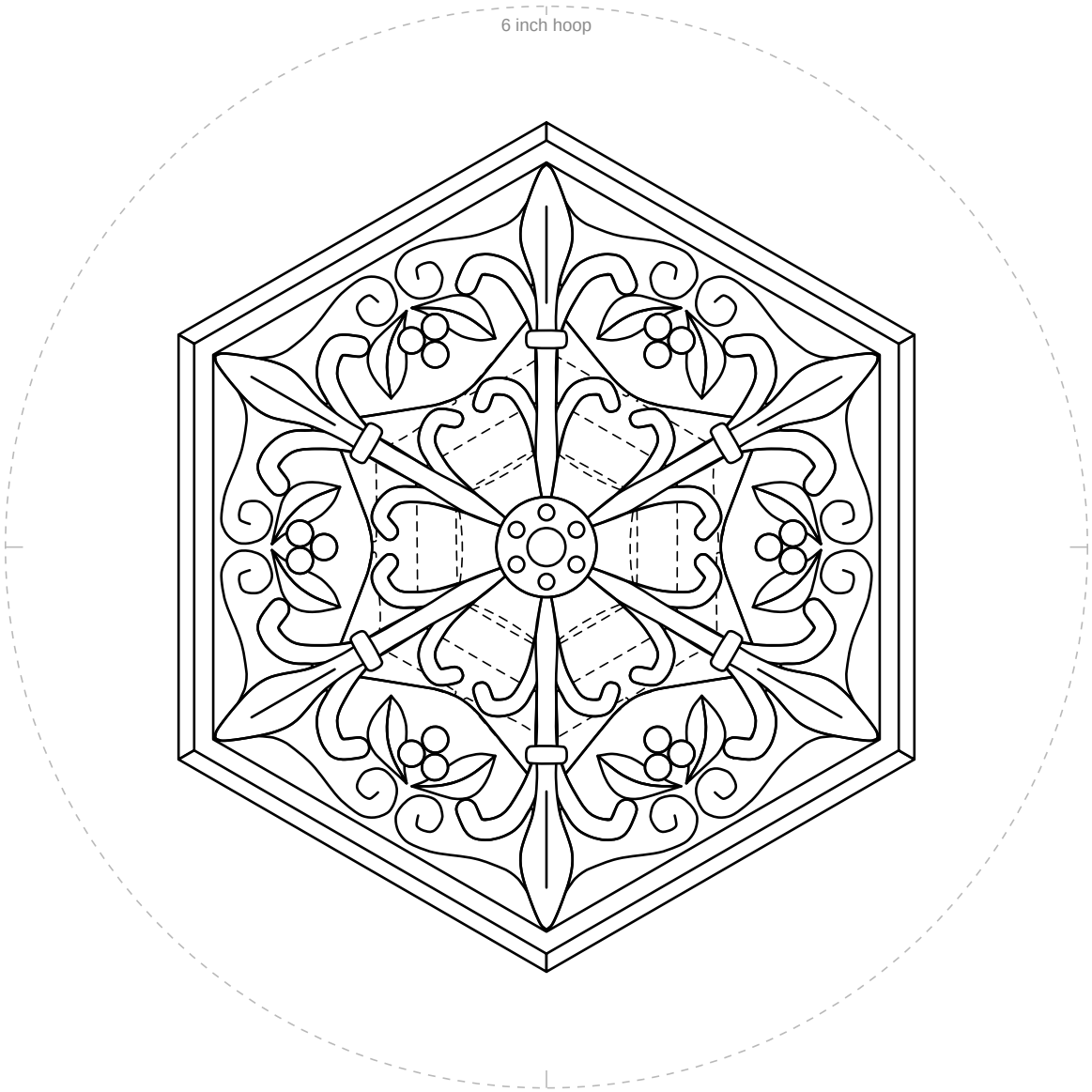
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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