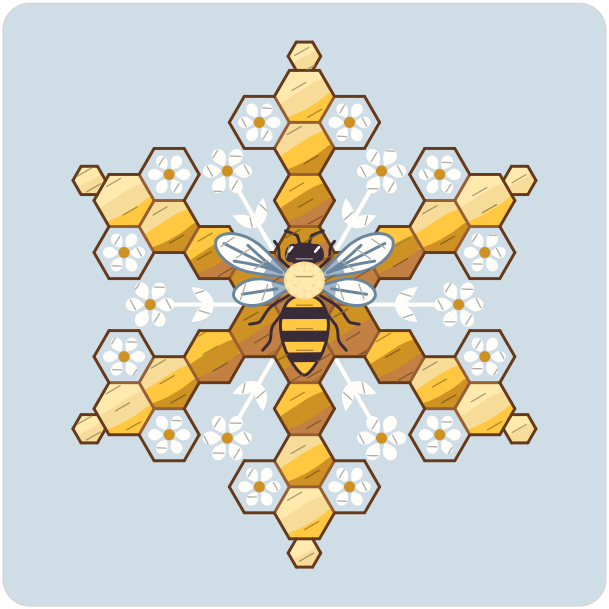
# Honeycomb snowflake

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.5 in (10.2 × 11.4 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

12 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.

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.

## Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, color 7
   Frost stems



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11
   Honey cells, tip cells, frost leaves, snow flowers, wings, bee body, bee stripes, bee head, bee shoulders, eyes



3. **Back stitch**, colors 8, 9, 10, 12
   3 strands: cell walls
   2 strands: legs, wing edges, bee edge, feelers
   1 strand: wing veins



4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 7
   Eye highlights



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 3, 6
   Flower centers, furry shoulders



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

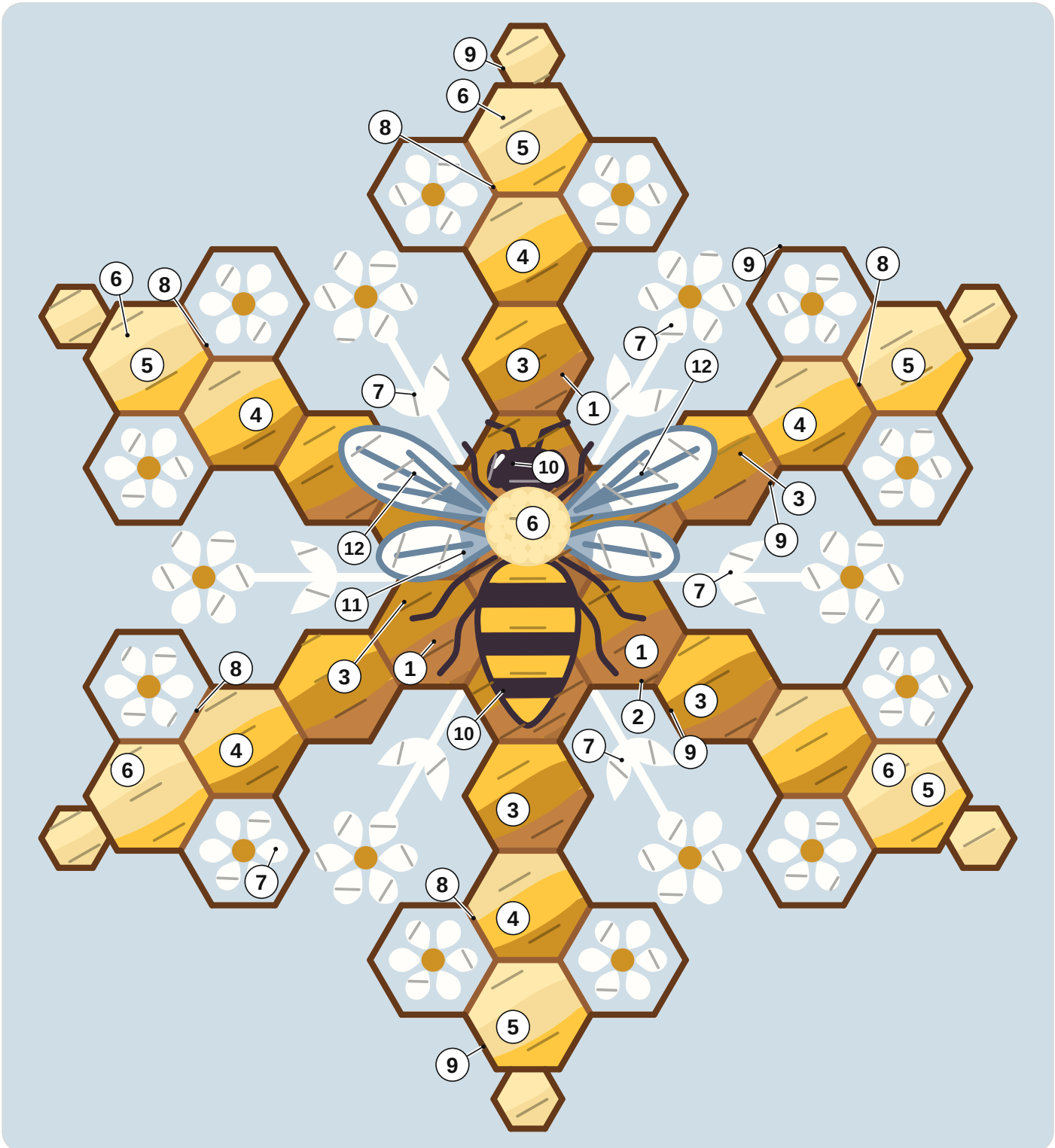


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**6 inch hoop**

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




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| 1 | DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown | 5 | DMC 3822 Light Straw | 9 | DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown |
| 2 | DMC 3826 Golden Brown | 6 | DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow | 10 | DMC 3371 Black Brown |
| 3 | DMC 783 Medium Topaz | 7 | DMC BLANC White | 11 | DMC 932 Light Antique Blue |
| 4 | DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz | 8 | DMC 434 Light Brown | 12 | DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue |



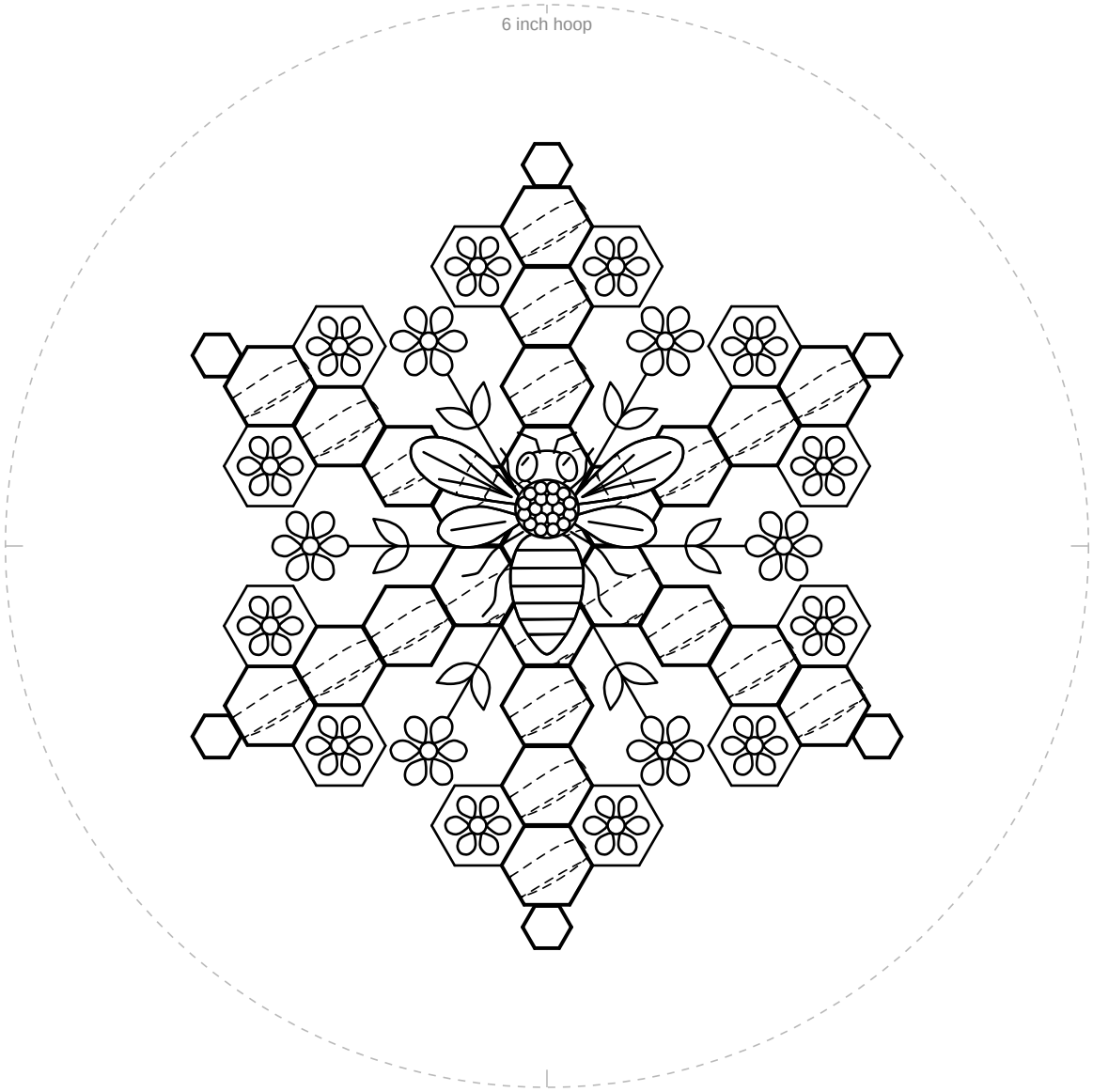
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**6 inch hoop**

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




**1 in**
25.4 mm

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

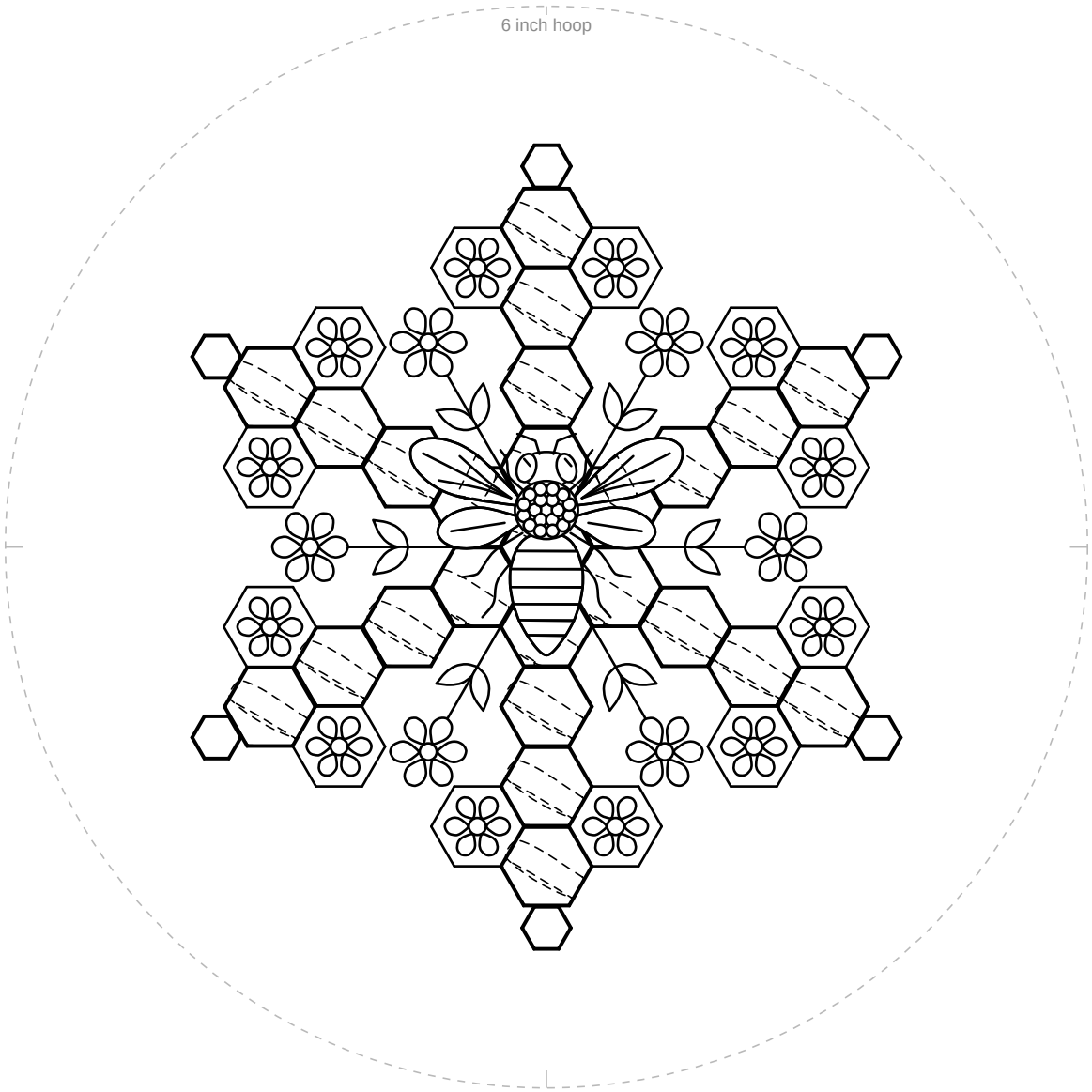


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**6 inch hoop**

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




**1 in**
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