Six hearts snowflake

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.7 in (10.9 × 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 7, and size 5 for 4 strands.

8 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**
   4 strands: arm stems
   3 strands: sprig stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Arm leaves, rosette leaves



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud lobes, bud middles, bud cups, sprig leaves, hearts, tulips, outer petals, tulips, middle petal, rosette petals, rosette middle



4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Tulip stems

5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Heart rims



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knot triplets



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

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

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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 336 Navy Blue	**4** DMC 666 Bright Red	**7** DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
2 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	**5** DMC 3755 Baby Blue	**8** DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny
3 DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**6** DMC 3820 Dark Straw	

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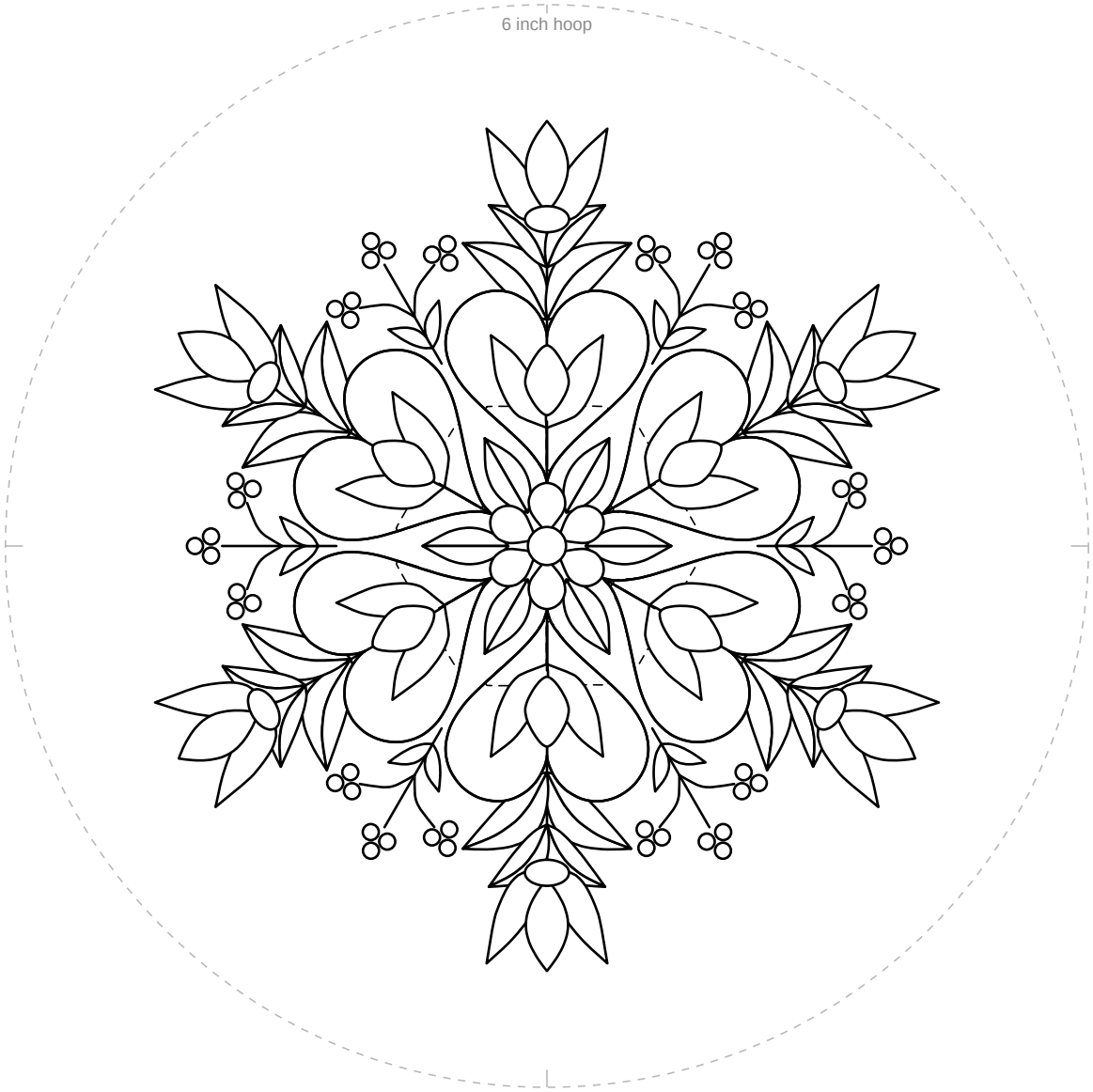
6 inch hoop

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.



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25.4 mm

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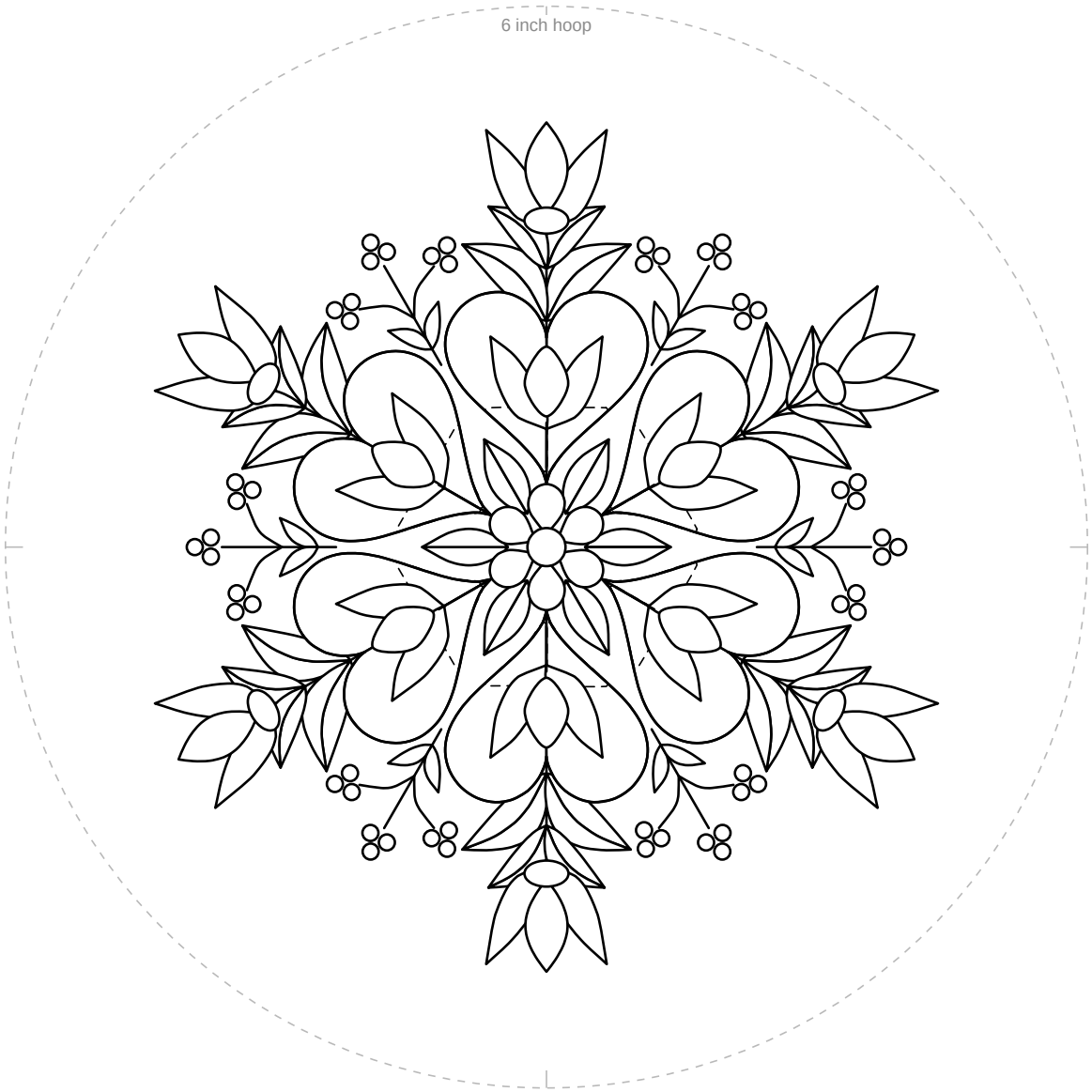
6 inch hoop

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



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