Solstice rose cutwork for a cap

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 3.7 in (12.7 × 9.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Leaf stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Inner petals



3. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf edges, outer petals, inner petal edges



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Main stems, sepals, gold heart



5. **Buttonhole stitch**
   1 strand: leaf bars, bars
   2 strands: leaf windows, window rims



6. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: sepal veins
   2 strands: inner petal seams

7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the stamens



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: knots of the stamens
   2 strands: knots of the gold heart



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 10 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 524 and 2 of DMC B5200; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 523 Light Fern Green	**5**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**9**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
2	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	**6**	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	**10**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
3	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	**7**	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold		
4	DMC B5200 Snow White	**8**	DMC 746 Off White		

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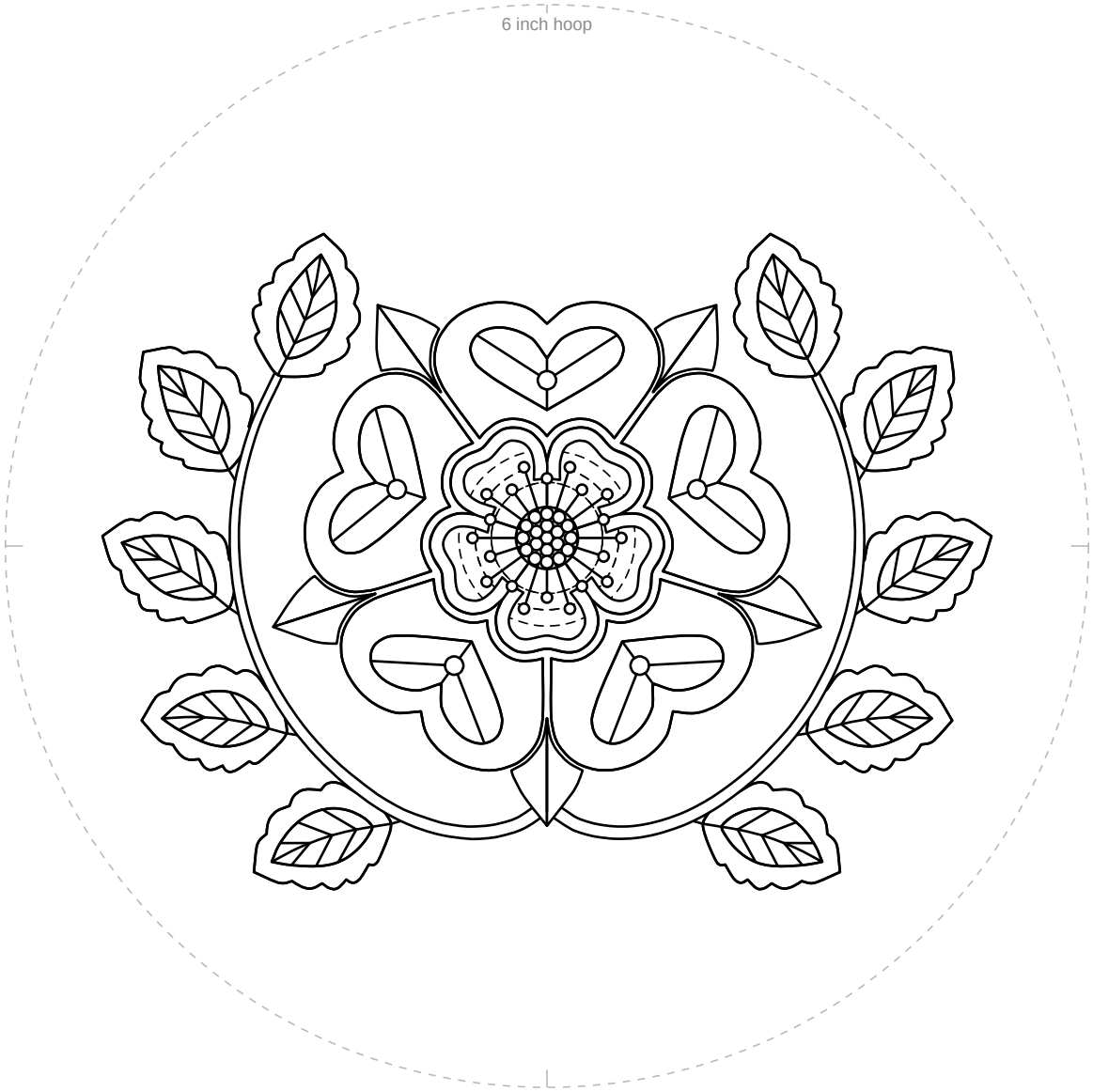
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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