Southern white magnolia

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.2 in (11.2 × 10.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

18 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
   Leaves, leaf backs, twig, petals, fallen petal, turned edges, heart, cone



2. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand, colors 4, 7
   Leaf veins

3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 6
   Edges of the leaf backs

4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 12, 18
   Stamens, stamen tips



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 16, 17
   Knots of the cone



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

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.

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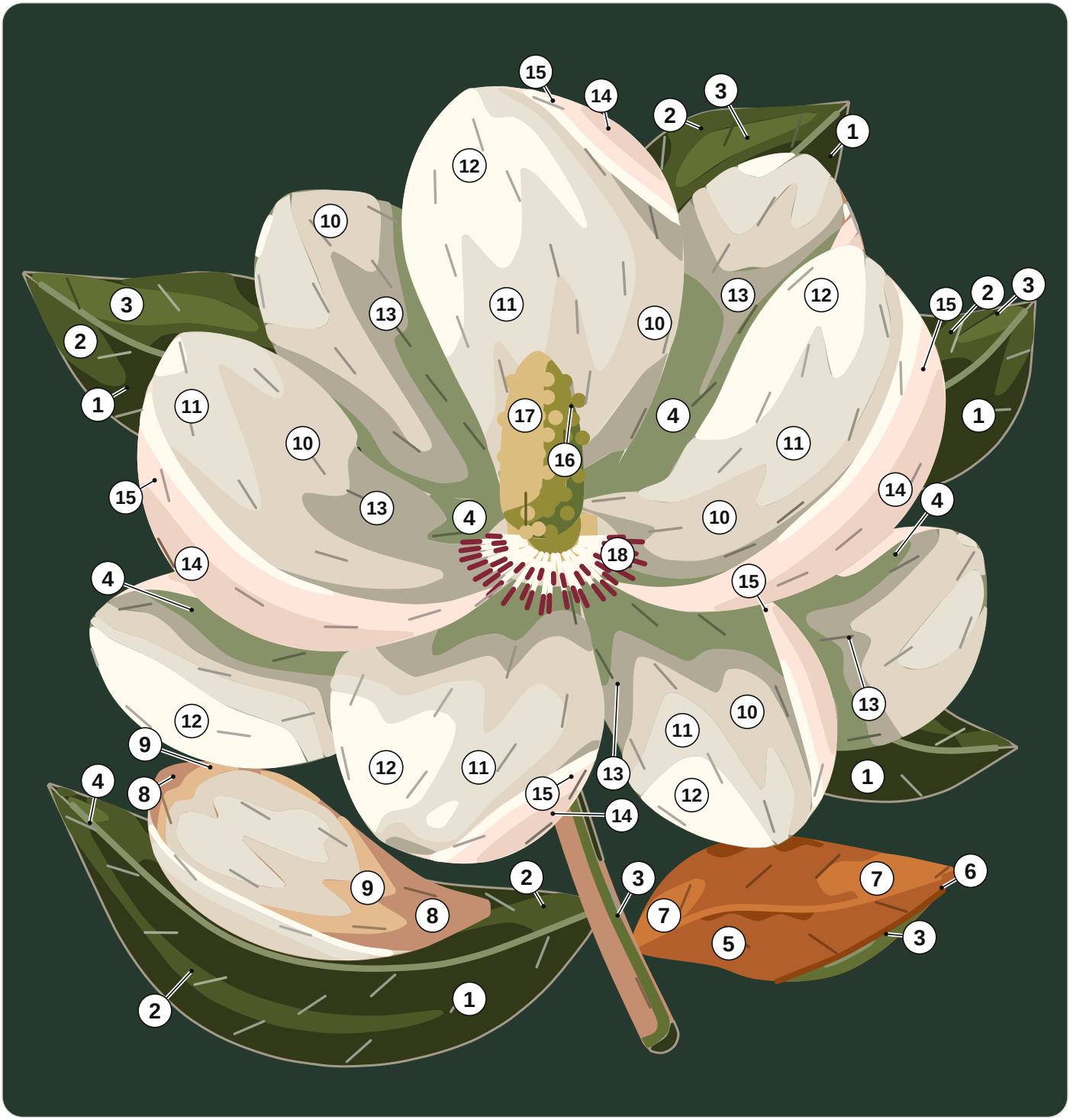
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	7	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	13	DMC 3023 Light Brown Gray
2	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	8	DMC 3064 Desert Sand	14	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand
3	DMC 937 Medium Avocado Green	9	DMC 437 Light Tan	15	DMC 948 Very Light Peach
4	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	10	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	16	DMC 732 Olive Green
5	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	11	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	17	DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive
6	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany	12	DMC 712 Cream	18	DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet

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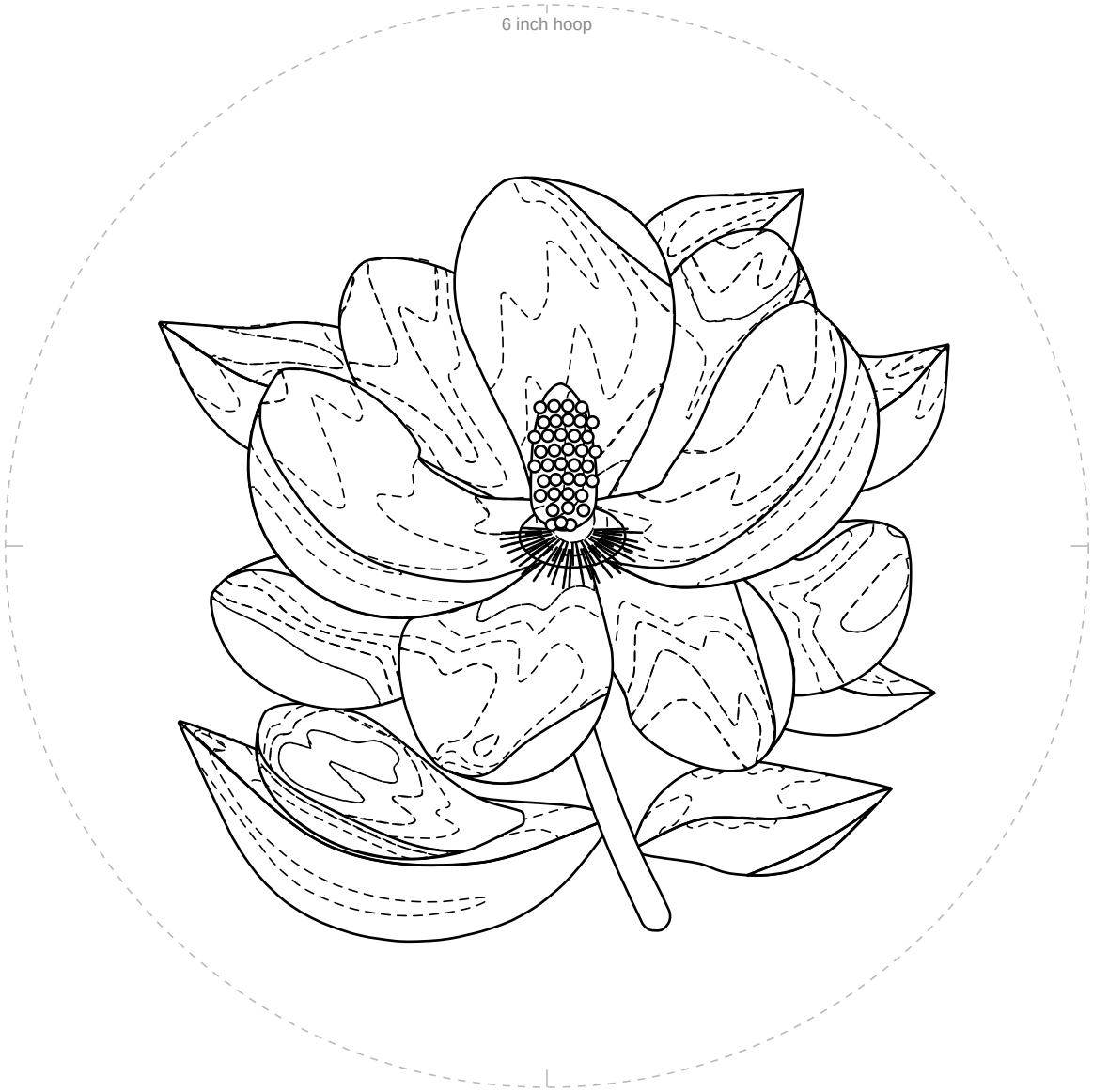
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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