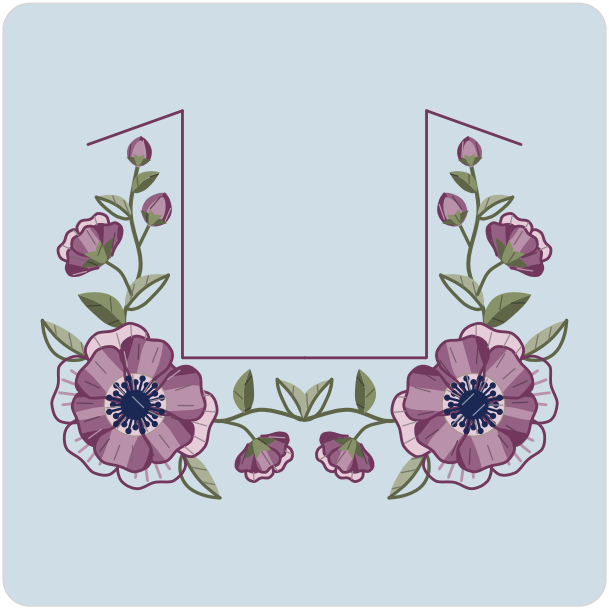
Square neck with a floral border

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 3.5 in (11.9 × 8.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Vine
2. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Open petals
3. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal veins
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Filled leaves
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Half open leaves, pale petals, petals, bud collars, buds, pale rings, hearts
6. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Neck edge, shoulder seams
7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the stamens
8. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Edges of the half open leaves
9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges
10. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
    Knots of the stamens, knots of the hearts

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 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.

Buy: 8 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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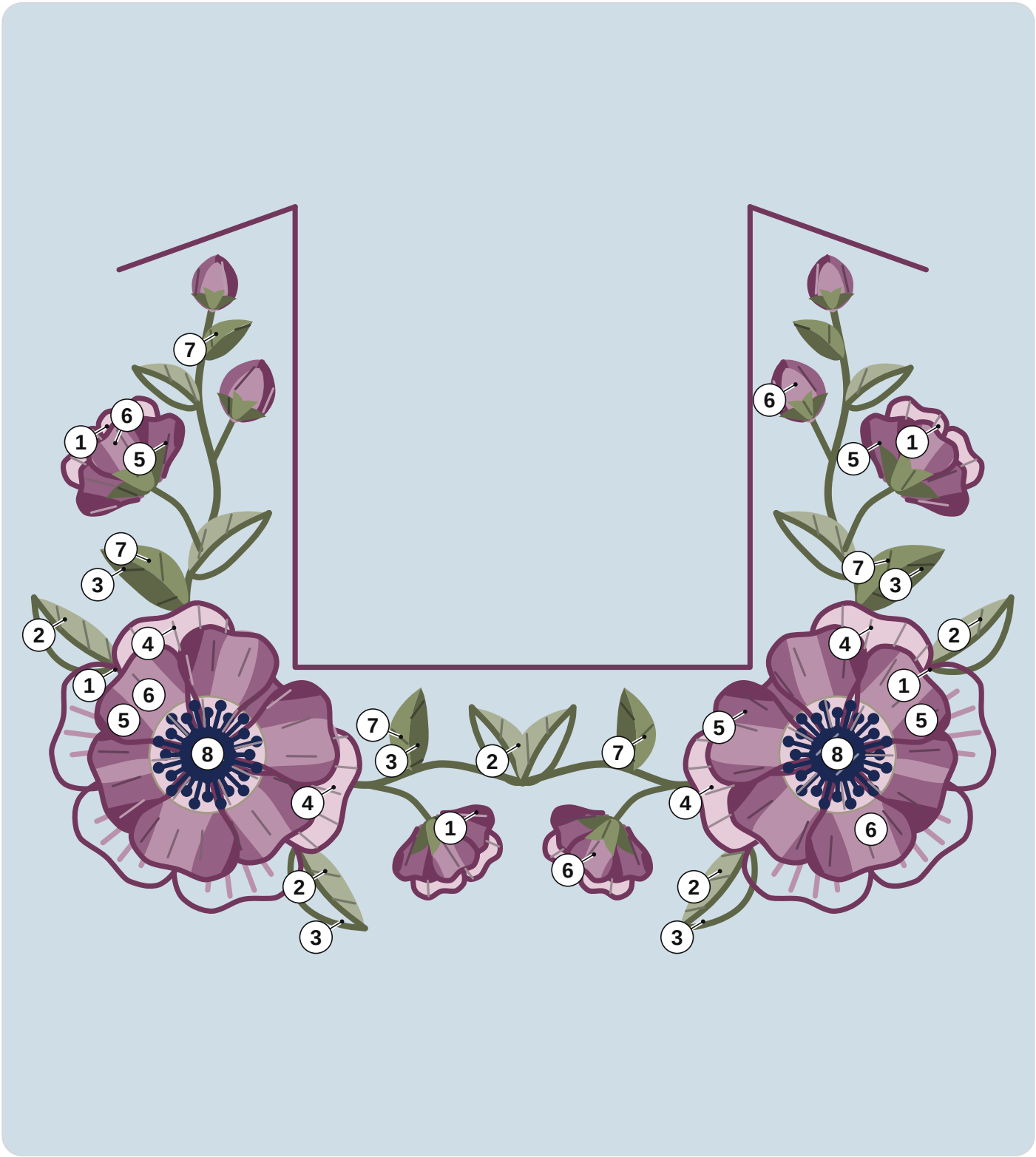

1 DMC 3834 Dark Grape
2 DMC 523 Light Fern Green
3 DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray
4 DMC 153 Very Light Violet
5 DMC 3835 Medium Grape
6 DMC 3836 Light Grape
7 DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray
8 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue

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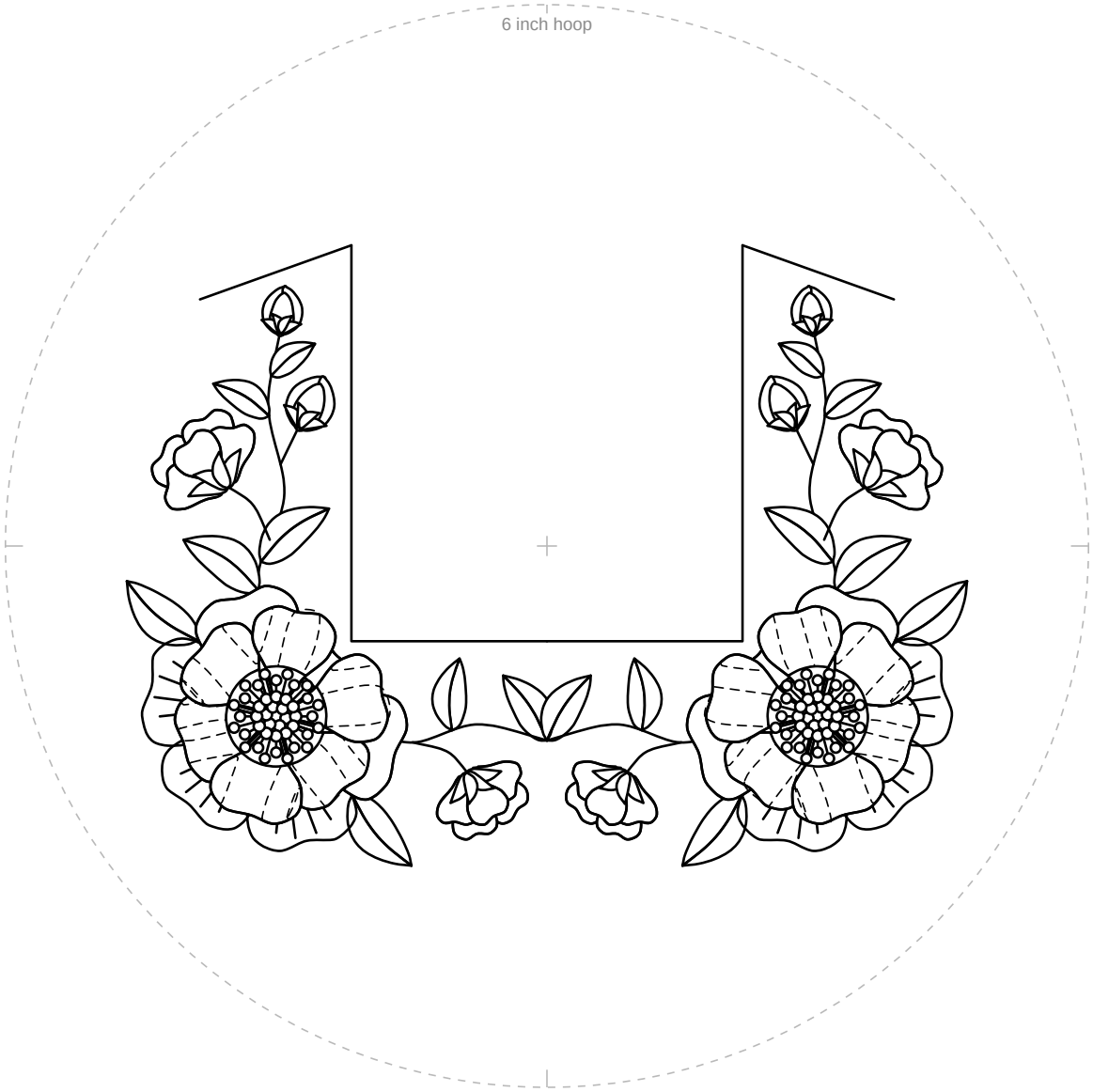
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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

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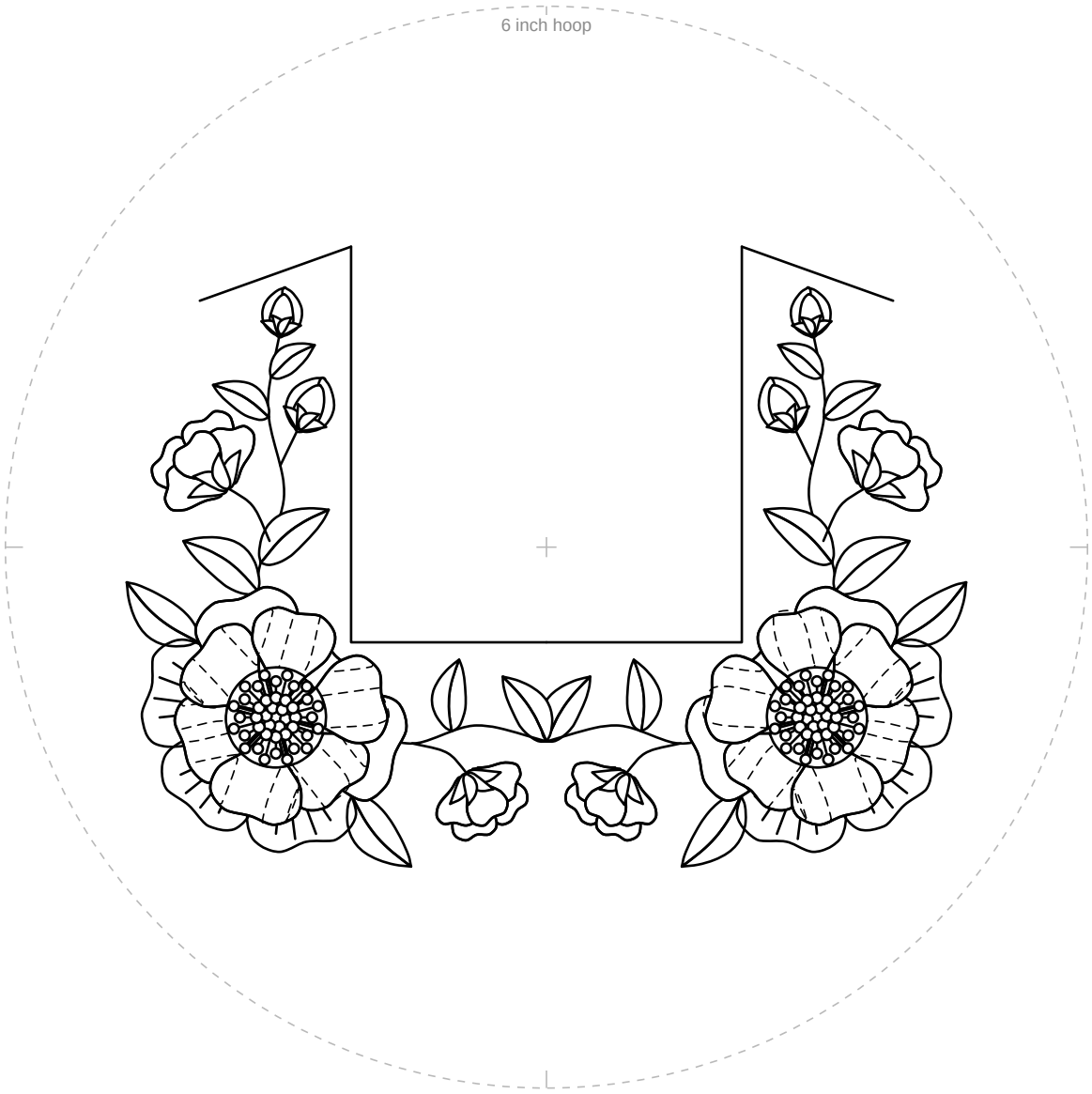
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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