Sunflower crescent spray

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 17, 23
   Main stem (color 7), wing fringe, butterfly body (color 23)



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
   Leaves, turned leaf edges, main stem (color 6), back rays, bracts, flower stems, bud rays, profile rays, disc, rays, wings, butterfly body (color 22)



3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 3
   Leaf veins (color 3)

4. **Outline stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 23
   Leaf veins (color 3), lines of the antennae

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 4, 19
   Edges of the turned leaf edges, wing edges, wing veins

6. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 8, 10, 14, 23
   2 strands: seeds
   1 strand: knots of the antennae



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 522 Fern Green	9	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	17	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	10	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	18	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue
3	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	11	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	19	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue
4	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	12	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	20	DMC 3755 Baby Blue
5	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	13	DMC 726 Light Topaz	21	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue
6	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	14	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	22	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
7	DMC 3364 Pine Green	15	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	23	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray
8	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown		

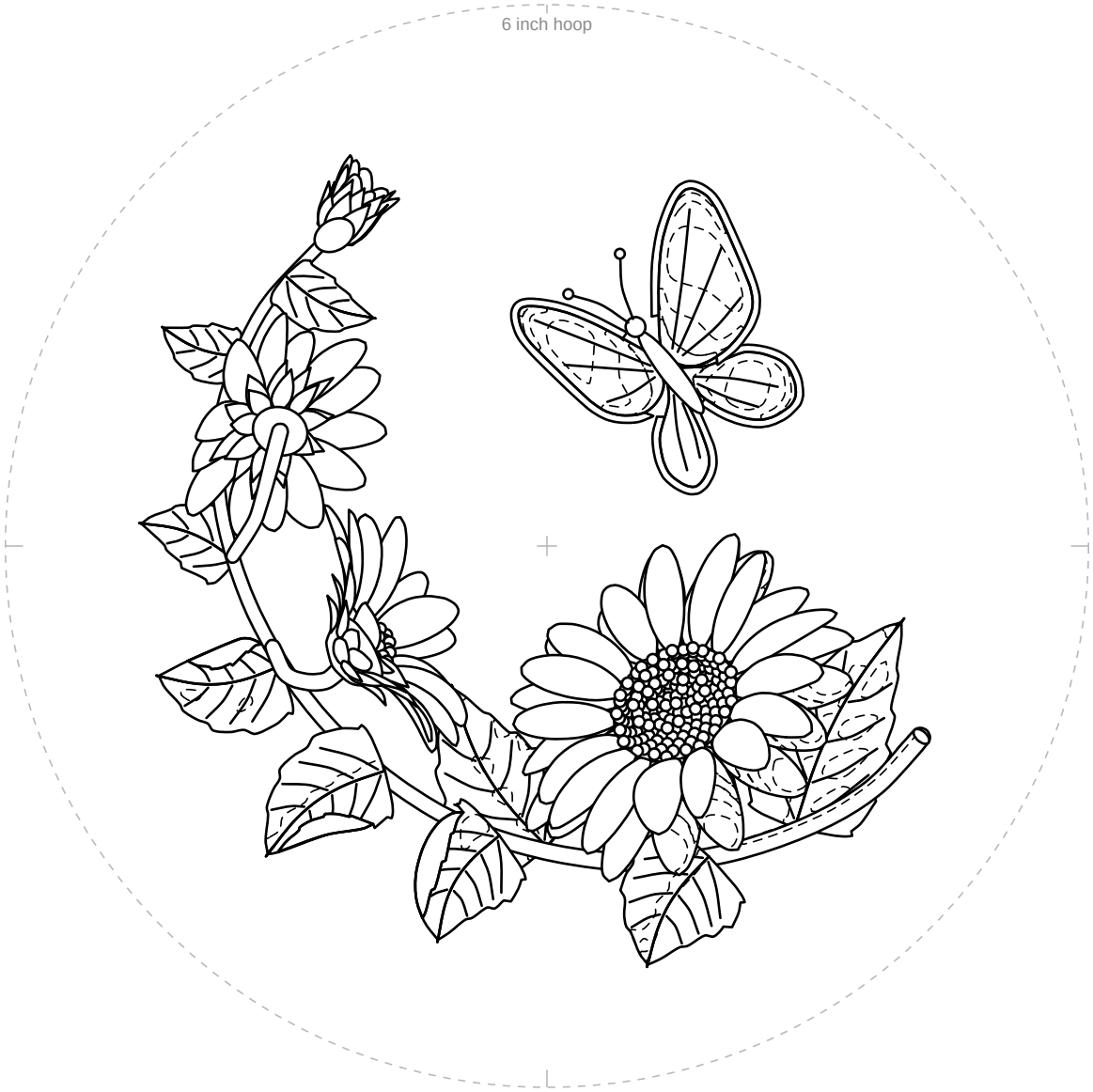
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6 inch hoop

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



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