Swedish silk style flower bouquet

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm)



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

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.

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: 19 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 gray cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: timothy stems, flower stems
   1 strand: harebell stems
2. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Drawn leaves
3. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Ladybug legs
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Timothy heads, birch leaves, leaves, cranesbill petals, daisy petals, daisy cups, daisy centers, harebells, harebell cups
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Birch twig, cranesbill cups, grass tie, ladybug head
6. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the timothy heads
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Birch leaf veins (colors 2 and 3)
8. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Birch leaf stalks, lines of the leaves
9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Birch leaf veins (color 2), cranesbill veins
10. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
    Edges of the birch twig, lines of the cranesbill hearts, edges of the harebell cups, lines of the ladybug spots
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Ladybug wings
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: knots of the cranesbill hearts, knots of the ladybug spots
    2 strands: knots of the daisy centers

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

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6 inch hoop

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



1	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	8	DMC 3687 Mauve	15	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	9	DMC 3803 Dark Mauve	16	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
3	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	10	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	17	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet
4	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	11	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	18	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet
5	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	12	DMC 3865 Winter White	19	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
6	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	13	DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet		
7	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	14	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz		

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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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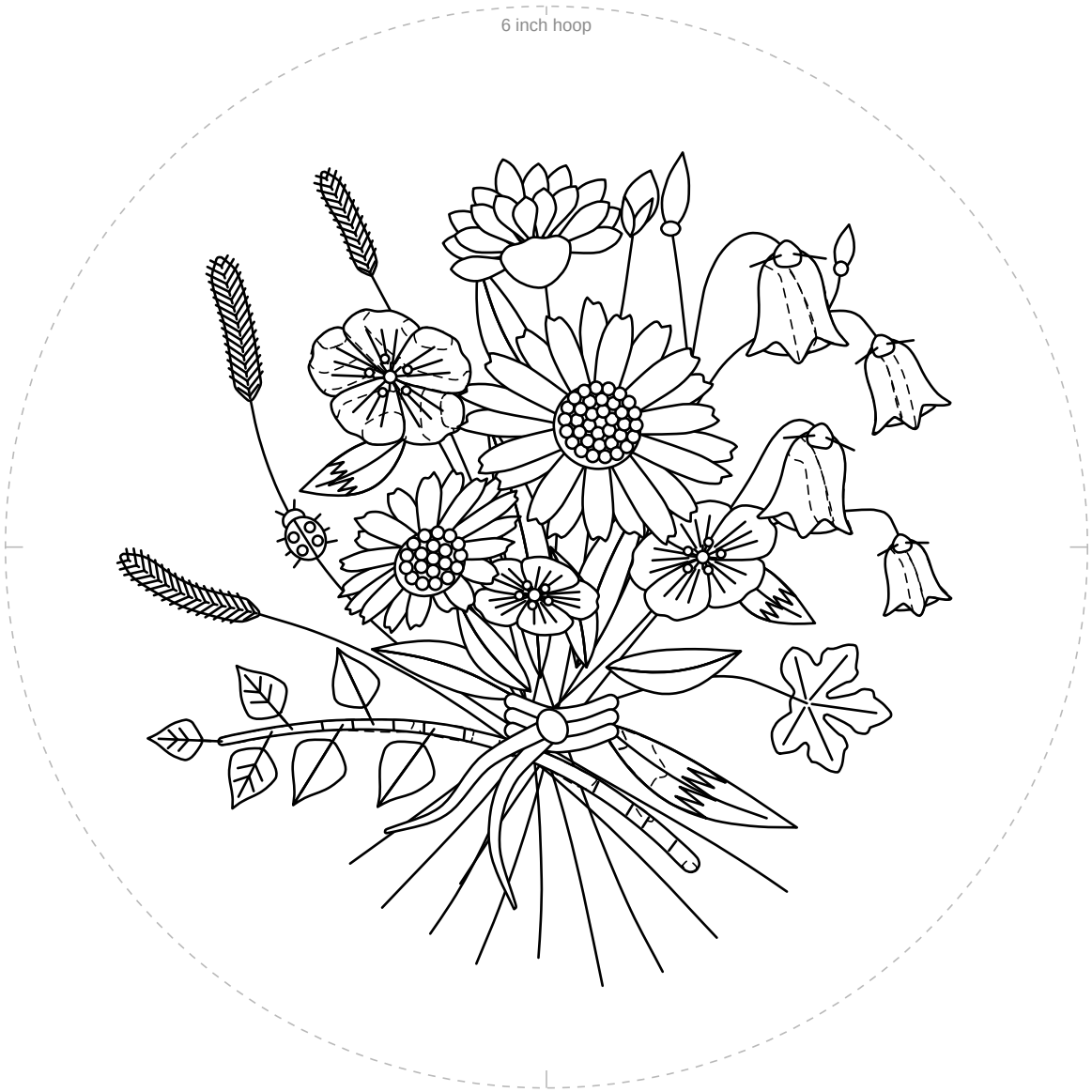
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