Ginkgo leaf filled with bead swirls

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Small leaf



2. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Fruit stalks

3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Twig, twig end, stalks, spur



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Twig buds



5. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Fruit, great leaf ground



6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: stalk light
   1 strand: fruit edge, spur rings

7. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands: small leaf edge
   1 strand: veins, swirls
   3 strands: leaf edge



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Small leaf beads, fruit caps, beads, rim beads



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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 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: 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 navy 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 435 Very Light Brown	8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	15	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
2	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	9	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	16	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green
3	DMC 433 Medium Brown	10	DMC 734 Light Olive Green	17	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green
4	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	11	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	18	DMC 3822 Light Straw
5	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	12	DMC 920 Medium Copper	19	DMC 3821 Straw
6	DMC 733 Medium Olive Green	13	DMC 921 Copper		
7	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	14	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold		

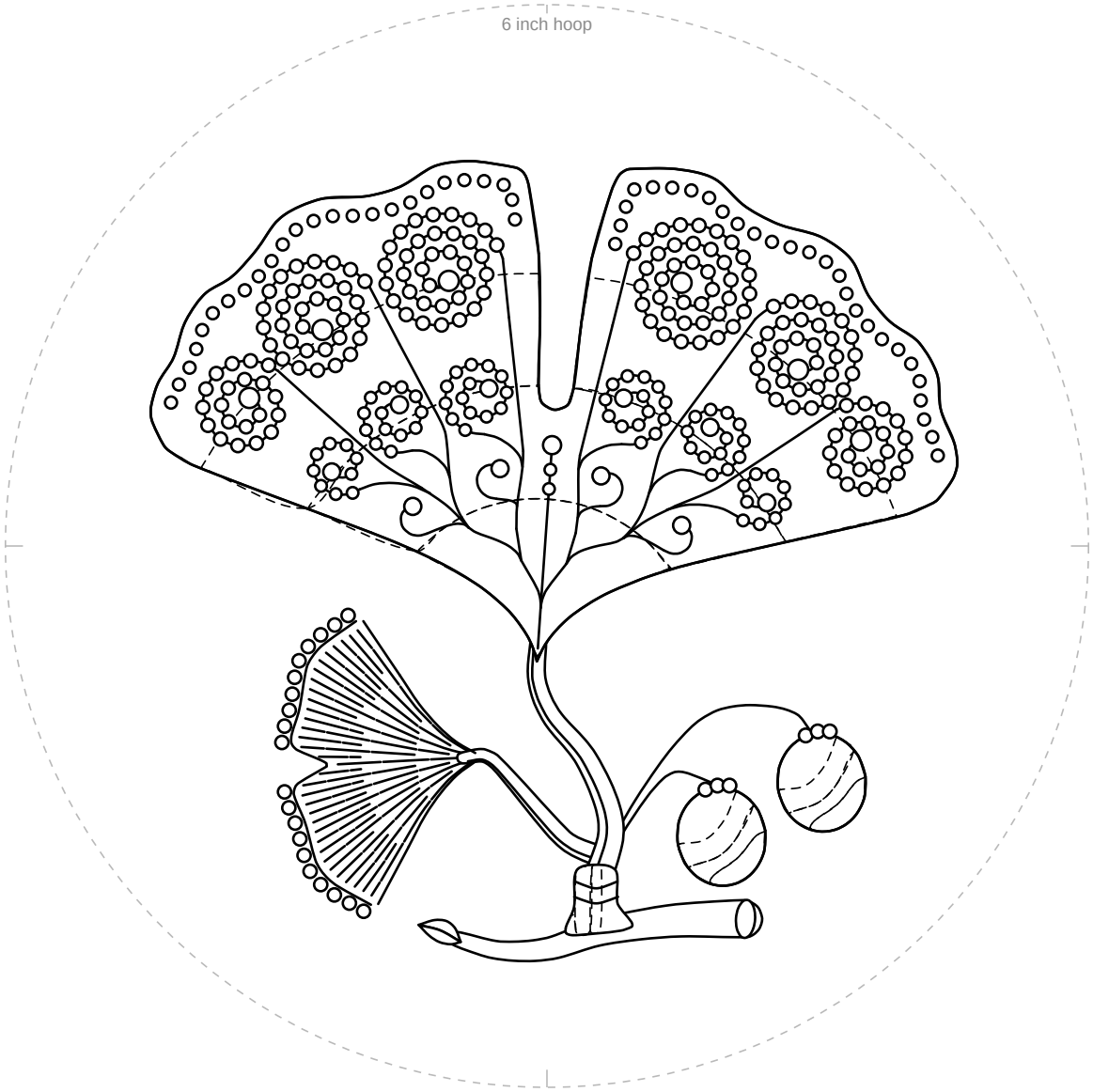
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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