Trellis smocking corner with tulips

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 3.8 in (9.7 × 9.7 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

14 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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 5 strands
   Side stems

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Frill, pleats, trellis lozenges, rosette petals, main stem, back petals (color 7), green cup



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Small leaves



4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Tulip leaves, center petals, outer petals, back petals (color 7)



5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Frill folds



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Frill edges, pleat folds, leaf veins

7. **Back stitch**, 4 strands
   Trellis

8. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Cable rows



9. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Stamens

10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps
    Gather knots, stamen knots



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



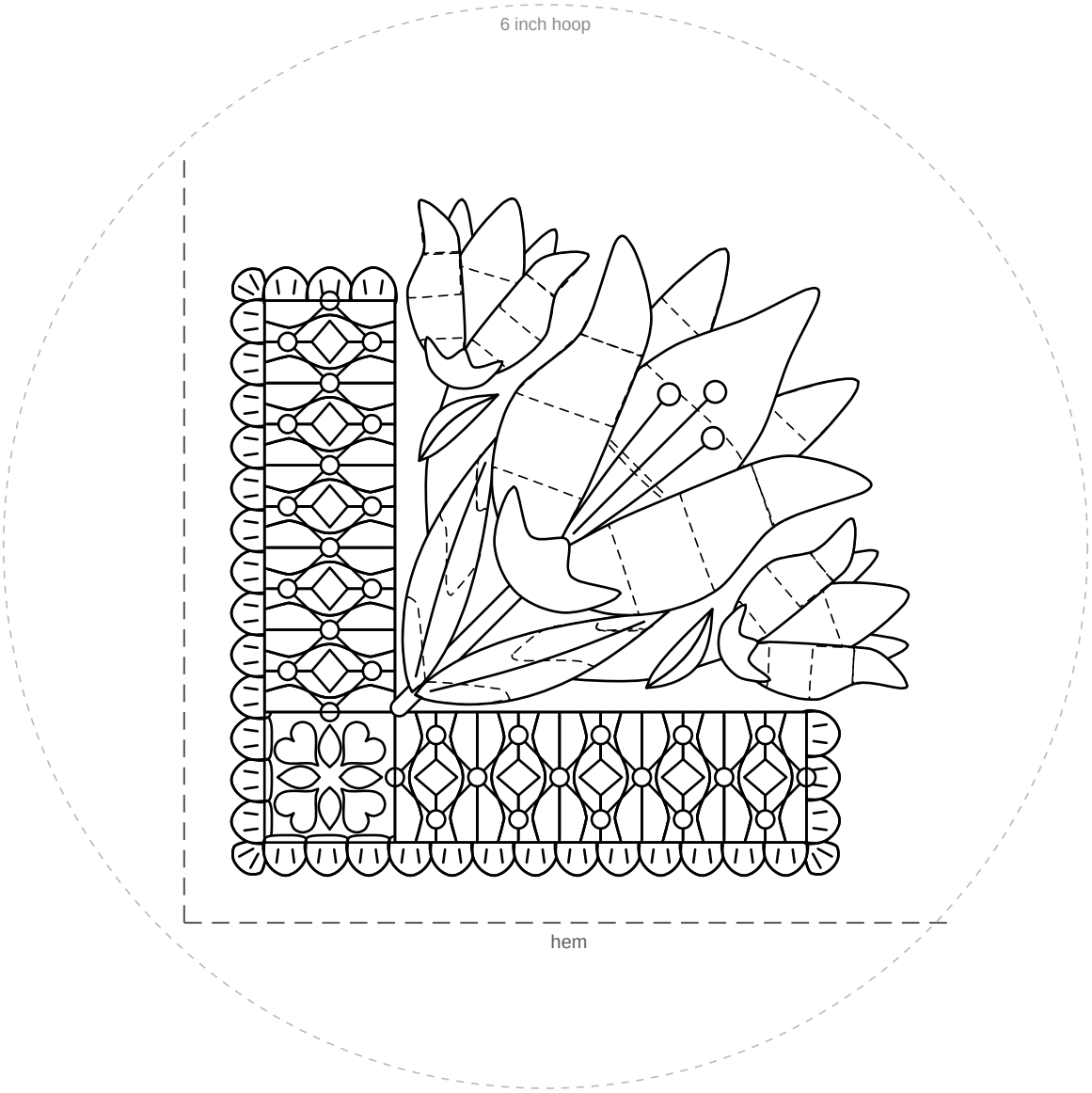
1	DMC 3865 Winter White	6	DMC 562 Medium Jade	11	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	7	DMC 498 Dark Red	12	DMC 3822 Light Straw
3	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	8	DMC 563 Light Jade	13	DMC 351 Coral
4	DMC 349 Dark Coral	9	DMC 561 Very Dark Jade	14	DMC 353 Peach
5	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw	10	DMC 564 Very Light Jade		

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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. Lay the two broken lines along the two hems of a corner: the arms lie a quarter inch (6 mm) inside them. The gray ring is the hoop.
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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