Twelve flower clock face

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.9 in (12.2 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Side shoots, bud stalk
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, hour hand (colors 1 and 2)
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Vines, bud sepals, primrose eye, morning glory folds, marigold center, coneflower center, dahlia center, peony center, minute hand, minute hand bud (colors 2 and 3), hour hand (color 1), ladybug
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Rosebud, primrose petals, cornflower florets, daisy petals, pansy petals, pansy lip, poppy petals, poppy blotches, morning glory, morning glory throat, marigold petals, clematis petals, coneflower petals, dahlia petals, outer peony petals, peony petals, minute hand bud (color 7)
5. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the leaves, lines of the hour hand
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Tendrils, lines of the ladybug
7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the cornflower center, pansy whiskers, lines of the poppy stamens, poppy pod rays, lines of the clematis stamens, edges of the ladybug
   2 strands: lines of the pansy center
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Rosebud fold, poppy petal edges, clematis bars
9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Poppy pod, ladybug
10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knots of the primrose eye, knots of the pansy center, clematis center
    1 strand: knots of the cornflower center, daisy center, knots of the poppy stamens, morning glory heart, knots of the marigold center, knots of the clematis stamens, knots of the coneflower center, knots of the peony center, knots of the ladybug

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

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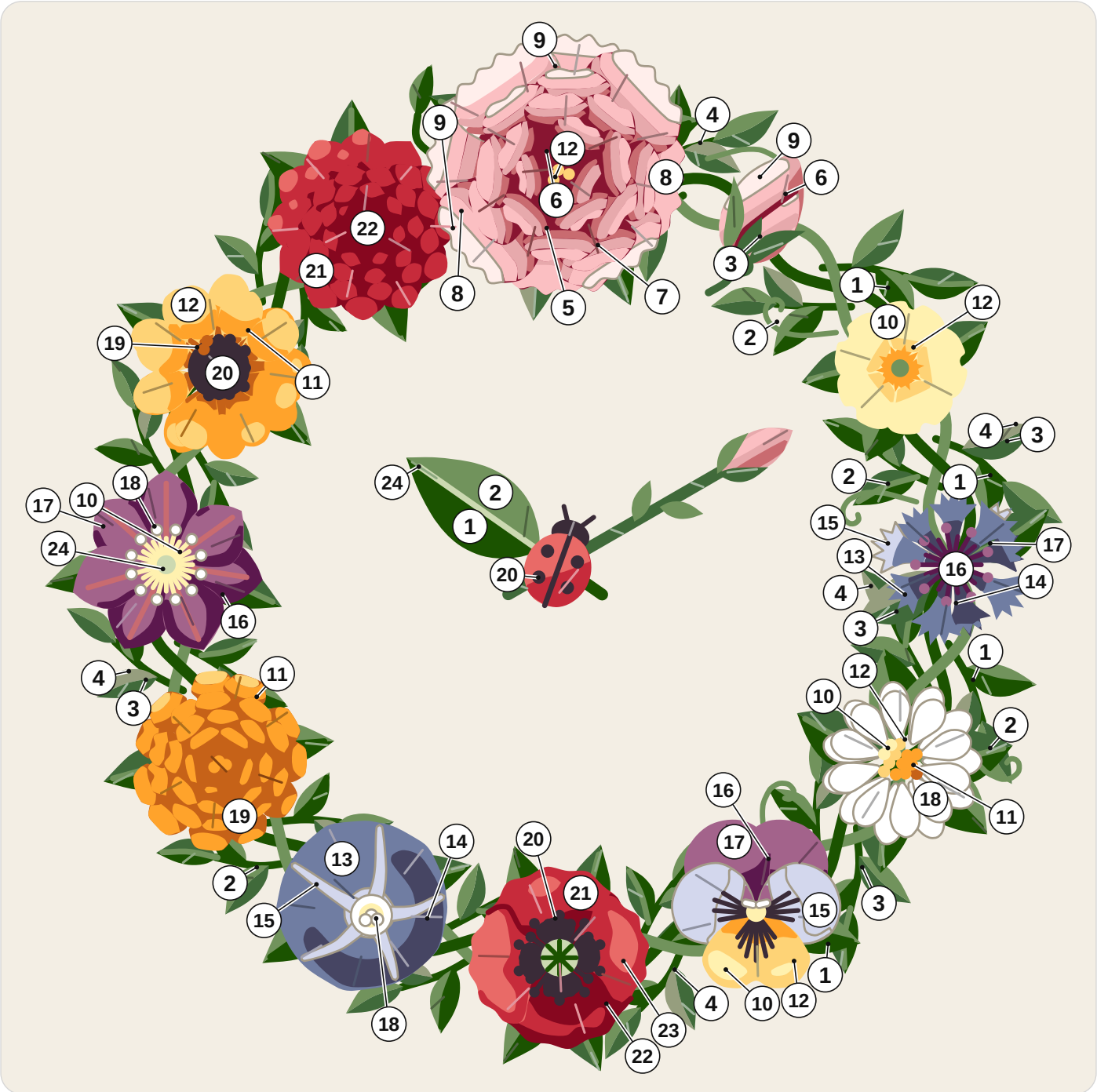
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	9	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink	17	DMC 553 Violet
2	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	10	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	18	DMC B5200 Snow White
3	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	11	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	19	DMC 921 Copper
4	DMC 522 Fern Green	12	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	20	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 3687 Mauve	13	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue	21	DMC 321 Red
6	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	14	DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue	22	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
7	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	15	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	23	DMC 351 Coral
8	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	16	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet	24	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green

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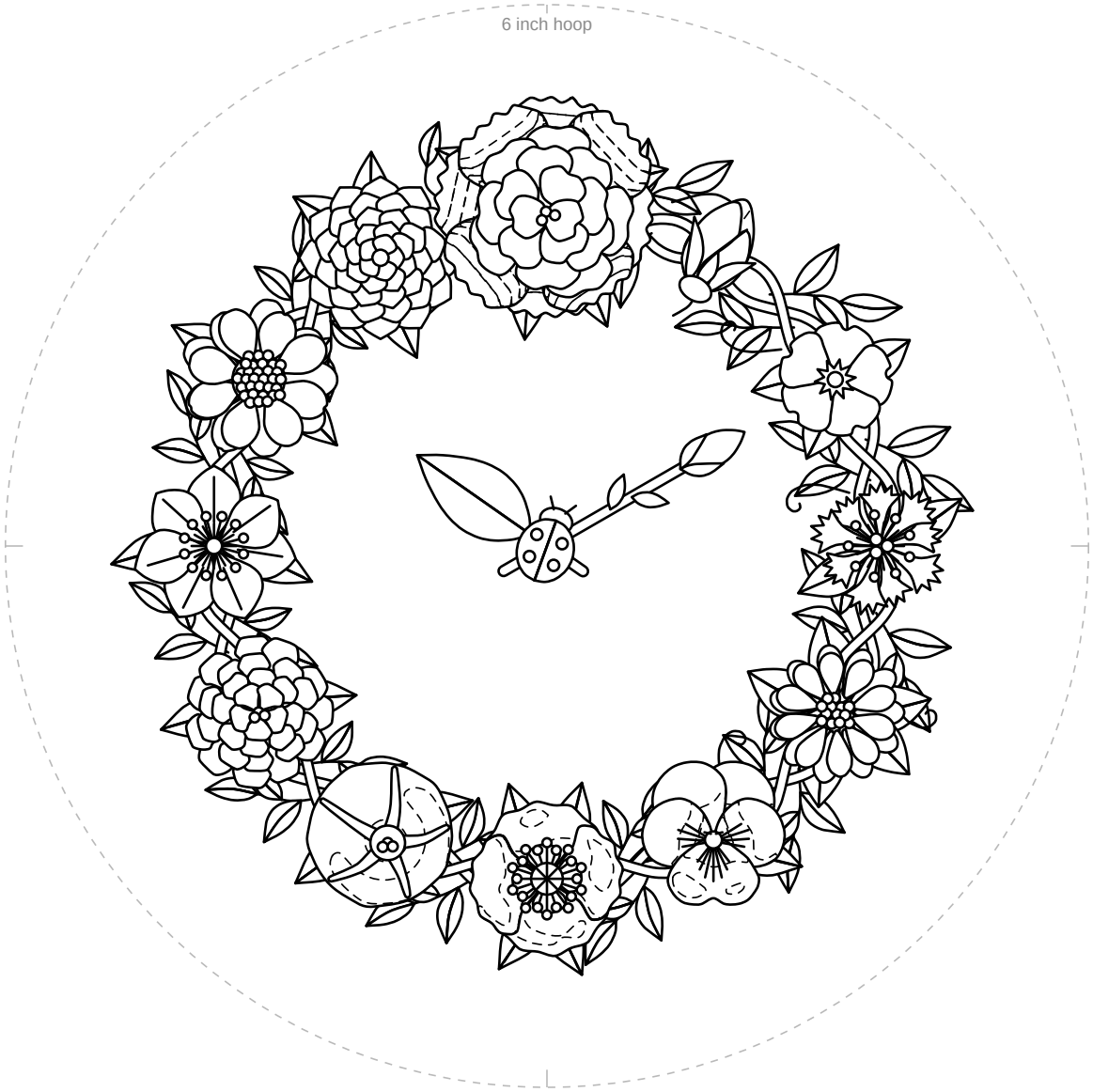
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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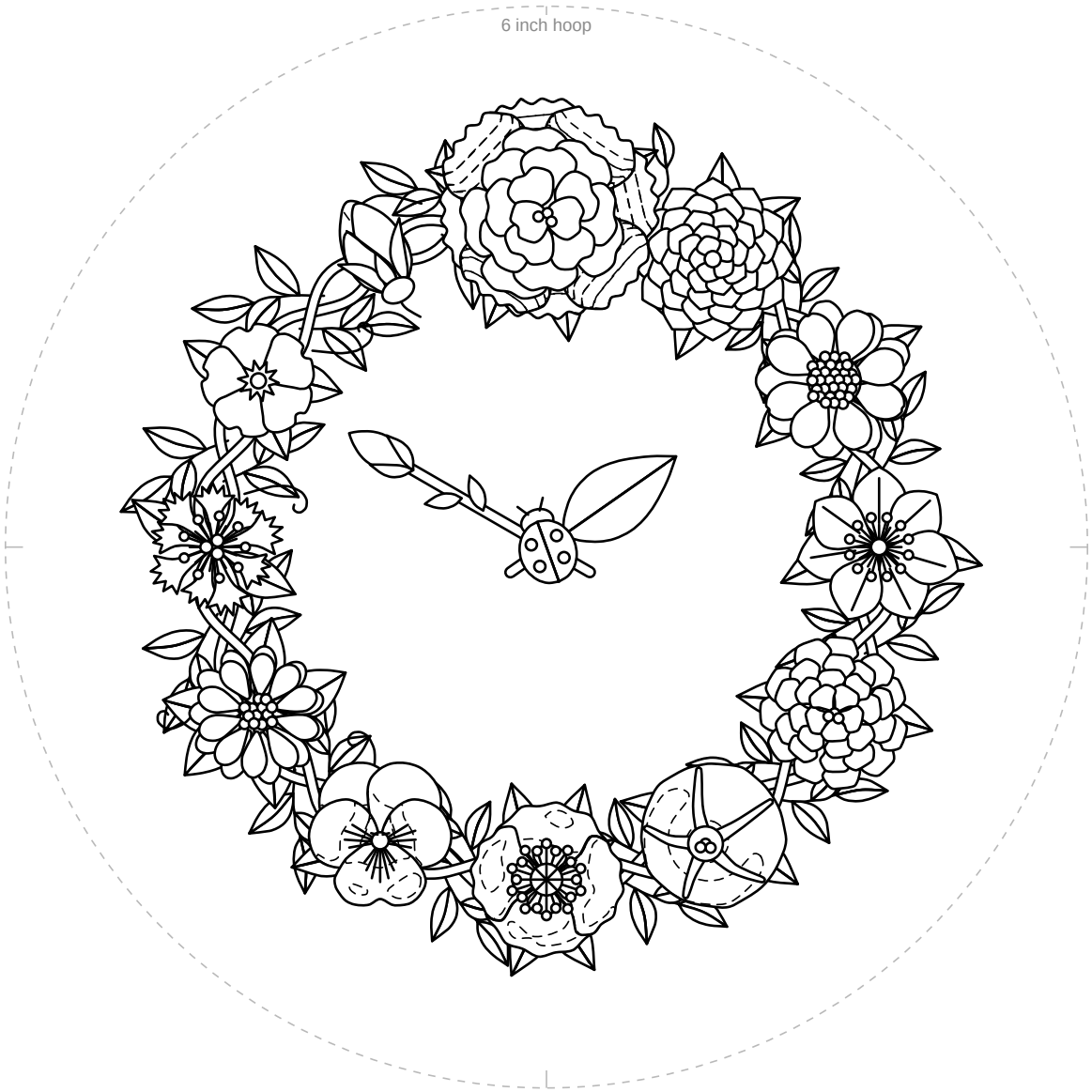
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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