Ukrainian style vase with poppies

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.6 in (9.7 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC 310 Black**
  Leaves, branches and blotches, poppy hearts and vase diamonds (darker) and 7 more parts
- **2 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Wide poppy and side poppies (dark), poppy hearts (lighter)
- **3 DMC 304 Medium Red**
  Wide poppy and side poppies (middle), vase diamonds (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Stamen ring and berry lights
- **5 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Side poppies and wide poppy (light), vase chain and buds, guelder rose berries (lighter)

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, side poppies, poppy hearts, cups, buds, bud cups, guelder rose berries, wide poppy, blotches, handles, vase diamonds, and 3 more



2. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Main stem, branches, berry sprays

3. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry lights



4. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Vase chain



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Stamen ring



What you need

Intermediate. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3, size 3 for 4 to 6 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Stem stitch. 5 or 6 strands: branches; 5 strands: main stem; 2 strands: berry sprays.

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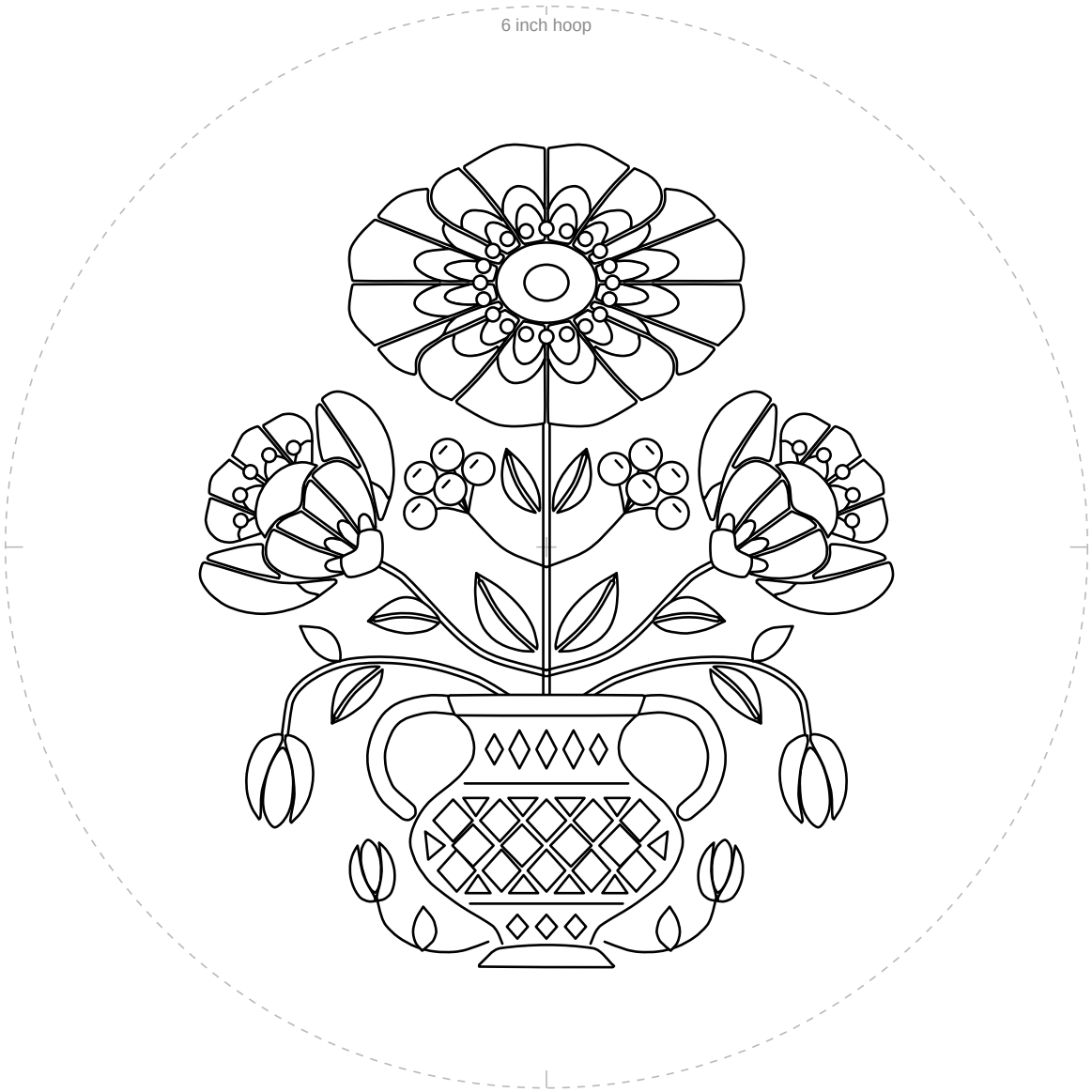
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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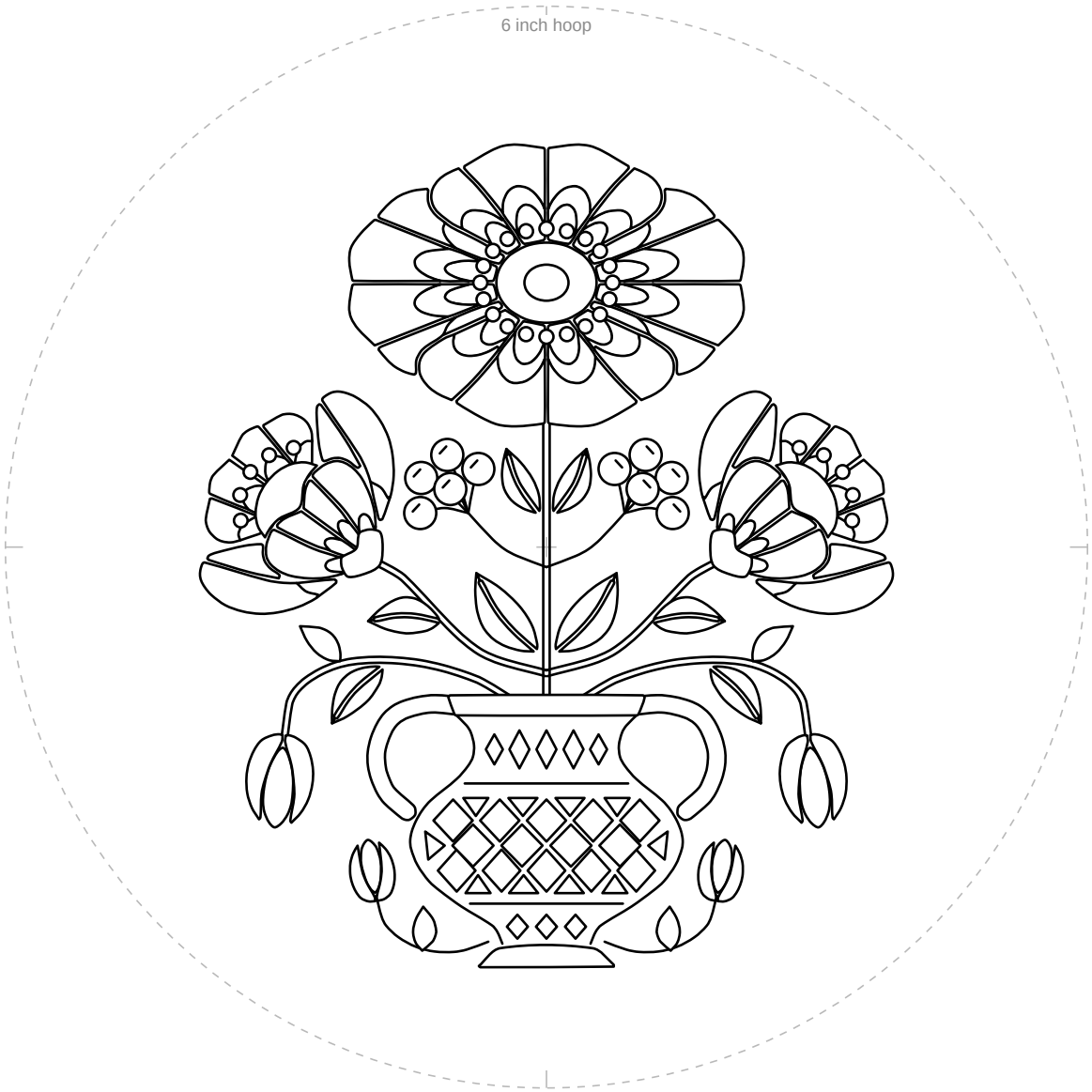
6 inch hoop

Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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