Vintage forget-me-not photo border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.8 in (11.2 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buds, forget-me-not petals, ribbon tails, bow loop linings, bow knot
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Forget-me-not petals, bow loops
4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Twined stems, curled stems
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bud cups, white stars
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, ribbon edges, ribbon creases
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Bud tips, yellow hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Twined stems (darker), leaves (middle), curled stems and bud cups
- **2 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Forget-me-not petals (shade 3 of 8), petal edges (light) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 3755 Baby Blue**
  Forget-me-not petals (shade 5 of 8), petal edges (lightest), buds (middle)
- **4 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Forget-me-not petals (shade 4 of 8), buds (dark)
- **5 DMC 341 Light Blue Violet**
  Forget-me-not petals (shade 6 of 8), buds (light)
- **6 DMC 3689 Light Mauve**
  Ribbon tails and buds (lightest), bow loops and bow knot (light)
- **7 DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Ribbon tails (light), bow loops and bow knot (middle), bud tips
- **8 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Leaves (light)
- **9 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green** Leaves (dark)
- **10 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Forget-me-not petals (shade 7 of 8)
- **11 DMC 3865 Winter White** White stars
- **12 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Yellow hearts
- **13 DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue**
  Petal edges (darkest), forget-me-not petals (shade 1 of 8)
- **14 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Petal edges (dark), forget-me-not petals (shade 2 of 8)
- **15 DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue**
  Forget-me-not petals (shade 8 of 8)
- **16 DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve**
  Ribbon edges, bow loop linings and ribbon creases, ribbon tails (darkest)
- **17 DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Bow loops, ribbon tails and bow knot (dark)

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.

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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.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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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3	DMC 3755 Baby Blue	**9**	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	**15**	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue
4	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	**10**	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	**16**	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve
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6	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	**12**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw		

How many strands

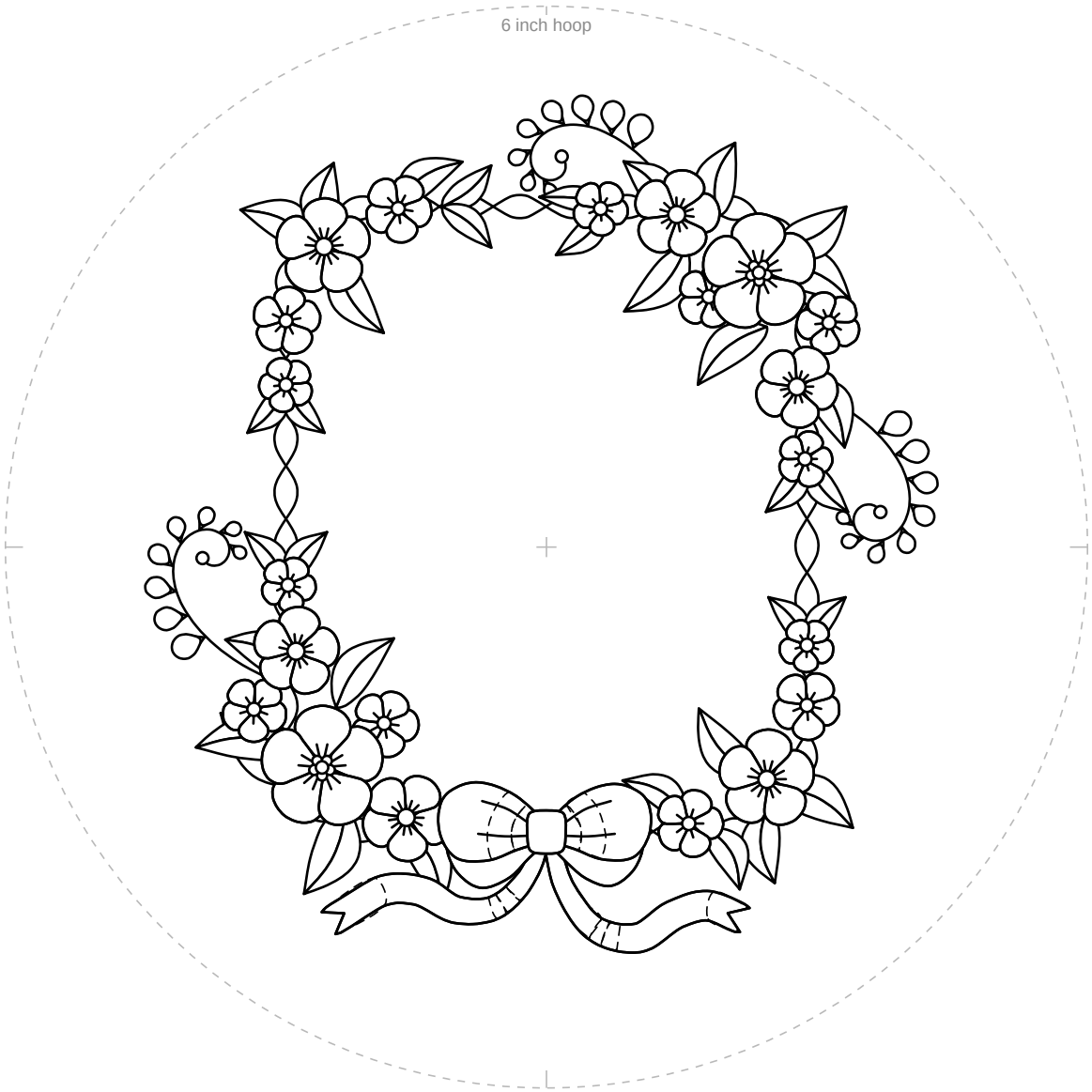
Straight stitch. 1 or 2 strands: white stars; 1 strand: bud cups.
French knot. 2 strands: bud tips; 1 or 2 strands: yellow hearts.

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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

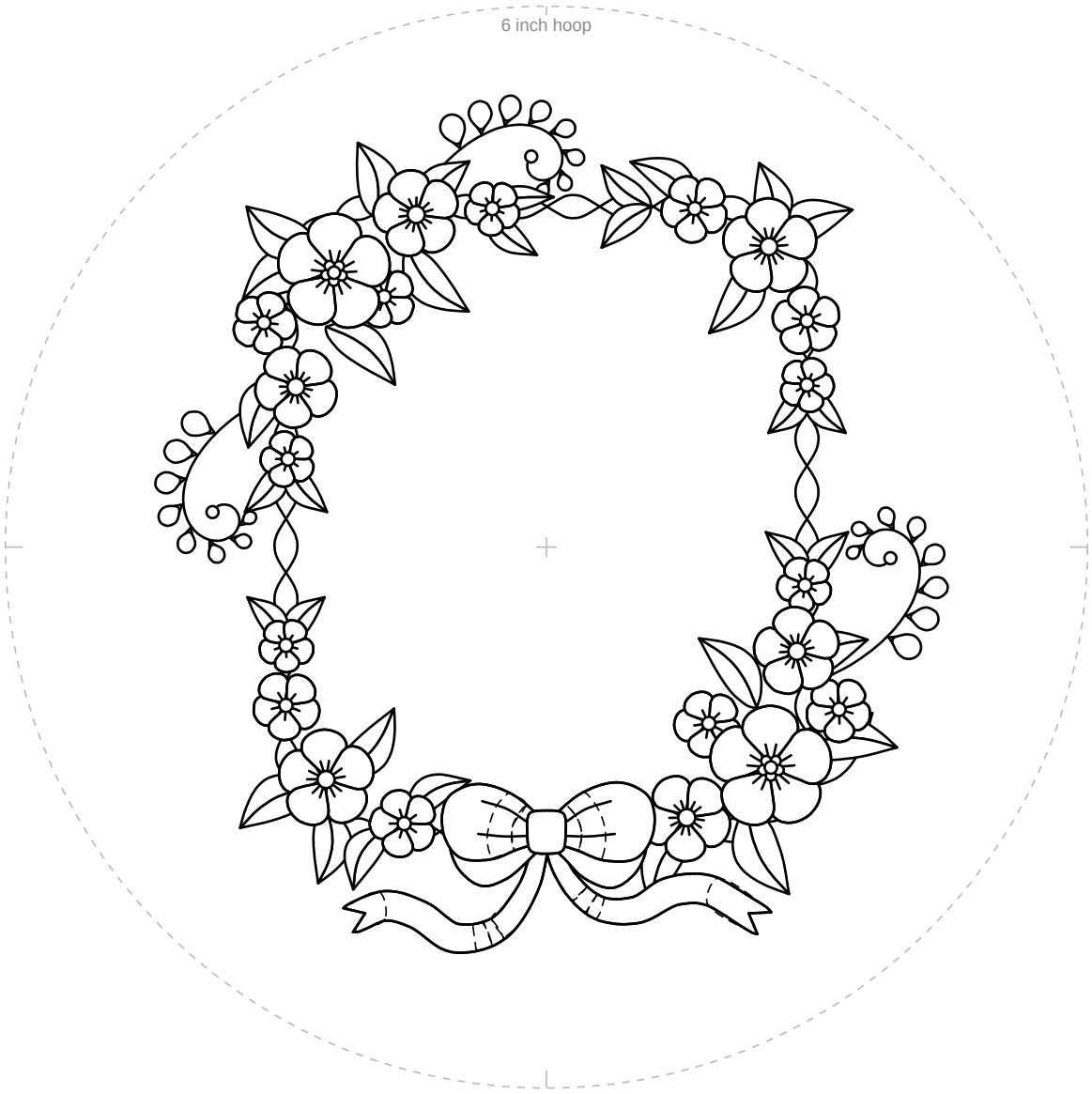
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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