Wheel of four shamrocks

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 7.

8 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.

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. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Rim



2. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Spokes, paired stems

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



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rim leaves, rim bud leaves, rim buds, rim bud cups, rim beads, tulip centers, tulip petals, tulip folds, tulip cups, gold drops, shamrock leaf tips, shamrock leaf hearts, pale chevrons, clover blossom, blossom center



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Curls

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Hub knots



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 955 Light Nile Green	**4**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**7**	DMC 349 Dark Coral
2	DMC 912 Light Emerald Green	**5**	DMC 351 Coral	**8**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
3	DMC 712 Cream	**6**	DMC 909 Very Dark Emerald Green		

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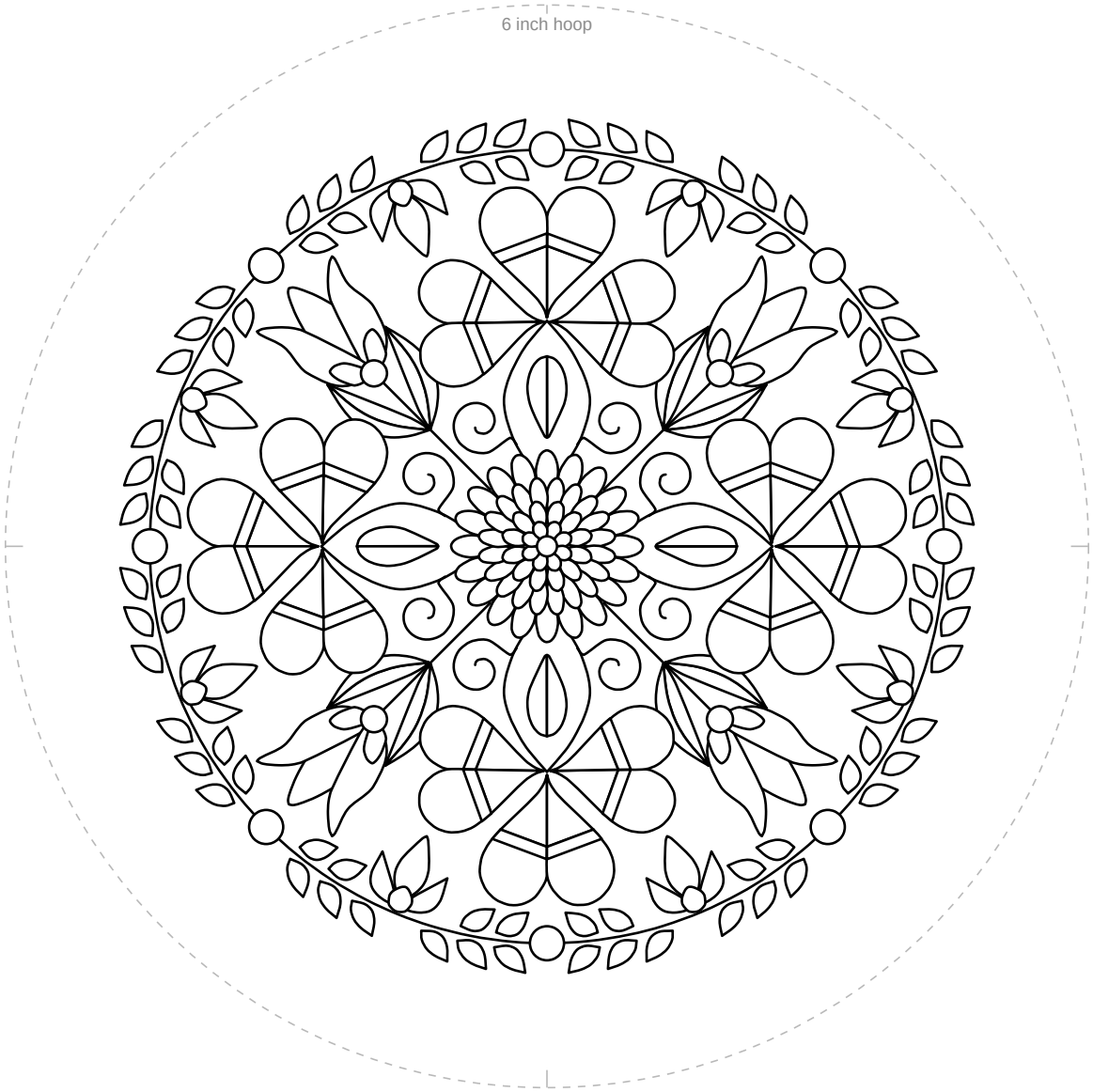
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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