Wife in roses

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4 in (12.2 × 10.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, green cup
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Little mirrors, rose petals, rose centers, rosebuds, scallop fans, letter shade, letters, dot of the i
3. **Buttonhole stitch**, 1 strand
   Mirror rings (color 7)
4. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands: gold scrolls, mirror rings (color 8), edges of the rosebuds, scallops, lines of the finials
   3 strands: edges of the rose petals, crescent edge, inner row
   1 strand: letter rims
5. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Edges of the green cup
6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud stems, edges of the letter shade
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Loops of the green cup, gold sprigs
8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: mirror glints, rose seeds, pearl drops, knots of the finials, crest pearls, knots of the dot of the i
   1 strand: gold beads, scallop pearls

Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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.

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.

Buy: 15 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 3847 Dark Teal Green	6	DMC BLANC White	11	DMC 3806 Light Cyclamen Pink
2	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	7	DMC 3822 Light Straw	12	DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	8	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw	13	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 3805 Cyclamen Pink	14	DMC 915 Dark Plum
5	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 605 Very Light Cranberry	15	DMC 712 Cream

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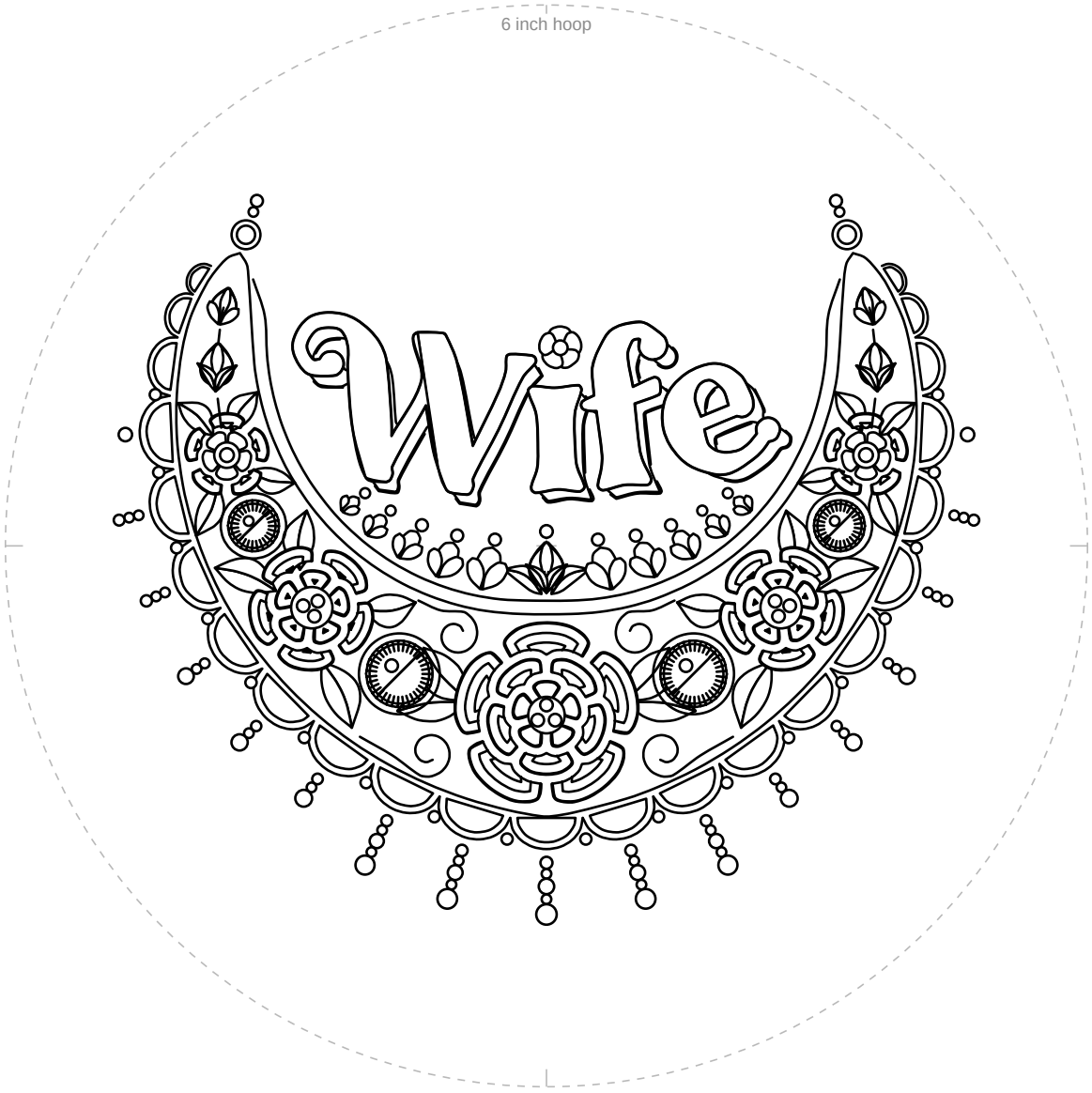
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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