Willow pentacle with seasonal flowers

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.7 in (11.4 × 11.9 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. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Twig ring, willow rods, snowdrop leaves, hawthorn leaves, poppy petals, wheat leaves, holly leaves
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snowdrop petals, hawthorn petals, hawthorn buds, poppy buds, poppy hearts, berries, lashings
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snowdrop buds, hawthorn hearts, poppy leaves, poppy buds, poppy petals, wheat grains
4. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Rod edges, snowdrop edges, leaf veins, petal edges, poppy edges, holly veins, holly edges, lashing edges
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Snowdrop stems, spathes, hawthorn twigs, poppy leaves, poppy stems, wheat stalks, holly twigs
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Hawthorn stamens, poppy stamens, poppy heart rays, wheat awns, berry lights
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Hawthorn anthers, poppy anthers, berry tips

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Twig ring (lighter), willow rods and lashings (dark)
- **2 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Rod edges, lashing edges, hawthorn twigs and holly twigs, twig ring (darker)
- **3 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Willow rods and lashings (middle), wheat grains (darker), wheat stalks
- **4 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Willow rods and lashings (light)
- **5 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green** Snowdrop leaves (lighter)
- **6 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Snowdrop leaves (darker)
- **7 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Holly leaves and hawthorn leaves (middle), snowdrop stems and 5 more parts
- **8 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Hawthorn petals, snowdrop petals and hawthorn buds (lighter), berry lights
- **9 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Petal edges and snowdrop edges, hawthorn petals (darker) and 2 more parts
- **10 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Holly leaves and hawthorn leaves (light), wheat leaves (lighter) and 7 more parts
- **11 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Holly edges, poppy leaves and hawthorn leaves (dark) and 3 more parts
- **12 DMC 321 Red**
  Poppy petals and berries (middle), hawthorn anthers
- **13 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Poppy petals and berries (light)
- **14 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Poppy petals and berries (dark), poppy edges
- **15 DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown**
  Poppy stamens, poppy anthers and berry tips
- **16 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Wheat awns, wheat grains (lighter)

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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2	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**8**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**14**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
3	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	**9**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	**15**	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown
4	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**10**	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**16**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	**11**	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green		
6	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	**12**	DMC 321 Red		

How many strands

Split stitch. 2 strands: holly veins; 1 strand: rod edges, snowdrop edges, leaf veins, petal edges, poppy edges, holly edges, lashing edges.
Stem stitch. 4 or 5 strands: holly twigs; 3 to 5 strands: hawthorn twigs; 3 strands: snowdrop stems, poppy leaves, poppy stems, wheat stalks; 2 strands: spathes.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: poppy stamens; 1 strand: hawthorn stamens, poppy heart rays, wheat awns, berry lights.
French knot. 2 strands: poppy anthers; 1 strand: hawthorn anthers, berry tips.

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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

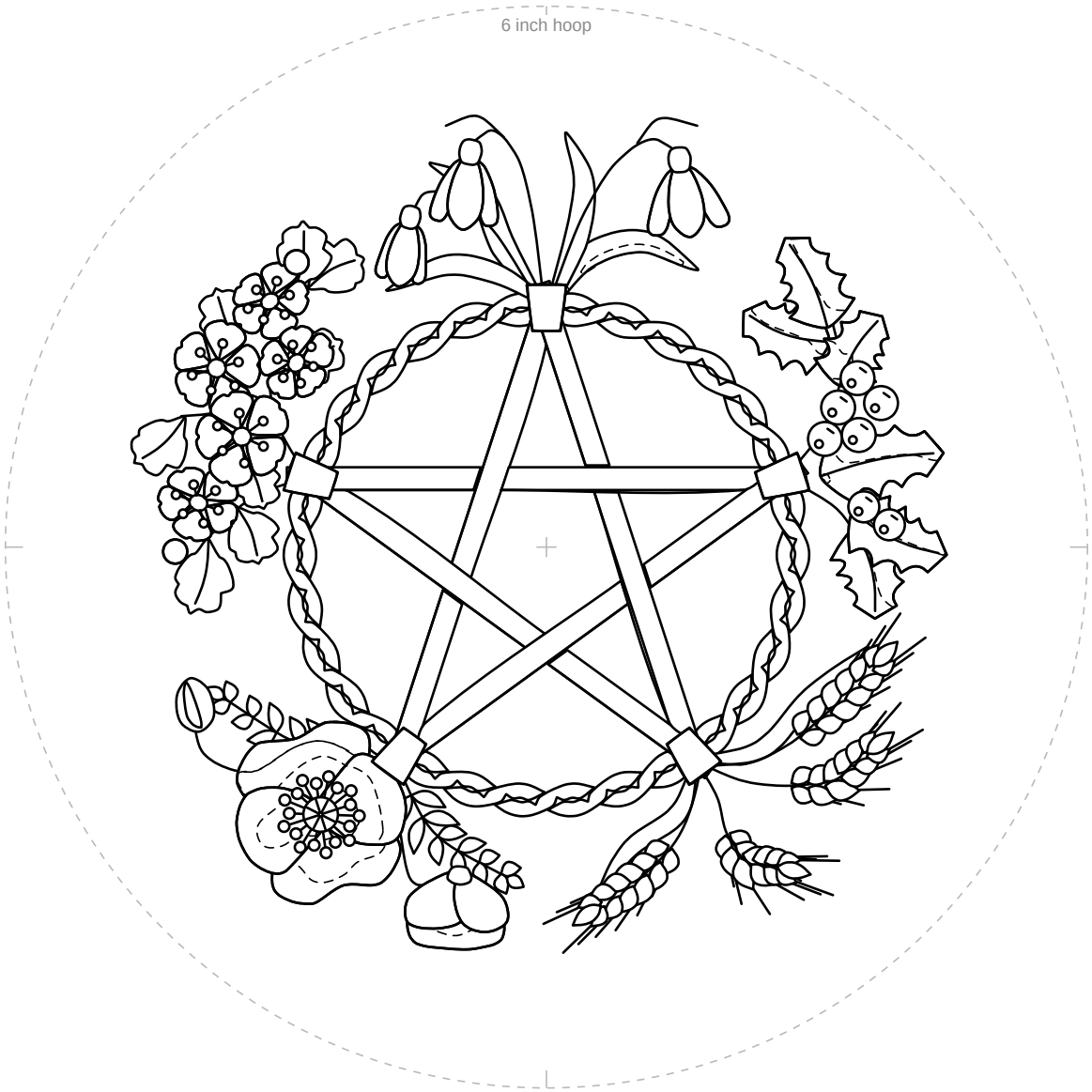
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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