Woven five point star

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.4 in (11.7 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
   2 strands: twigs
   1 strand: tail, breast, back, head, throat, wing, ivy leaves, dogwood leaves, dogwood petals



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 21, 22
   Twine, eyebrow, bill, eye, petal notches, bud, bud cup



3. **Stem stitch**
   colors 2, 5, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19
   3 strands: twine ends, feet, ivy stem
   2 or 3 strands: flower stalks
   2 strands: crossing shadows, legs, leaf stalks
   1 or 2 strands: vine tendrils
   1 strand: bark, dogwood leaves

4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 5, 7, 19, 21
   Bark, feather edges, ivy veins, petal edges, petal veins

5. **Straight stitch**, colors 2, 5, 6, 13
   2 strands: eye stripe
   1 strand: feather bars, eye highlight



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 11, 19, 20, 23
   Twine knots, flower centers



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 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	9	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown	17	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
2	DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray	10	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	18	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green
3	DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown	11	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	19	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
4	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	12	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	20	DMC 3364 Pine Green
5	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	13	DMC 3865 Winter White	21	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray
6	DMC 433 Medium Brown	14	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	22	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
7	DMC 437 Light Tan	15	DMC 310 Black	23	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
8	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	16	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green		

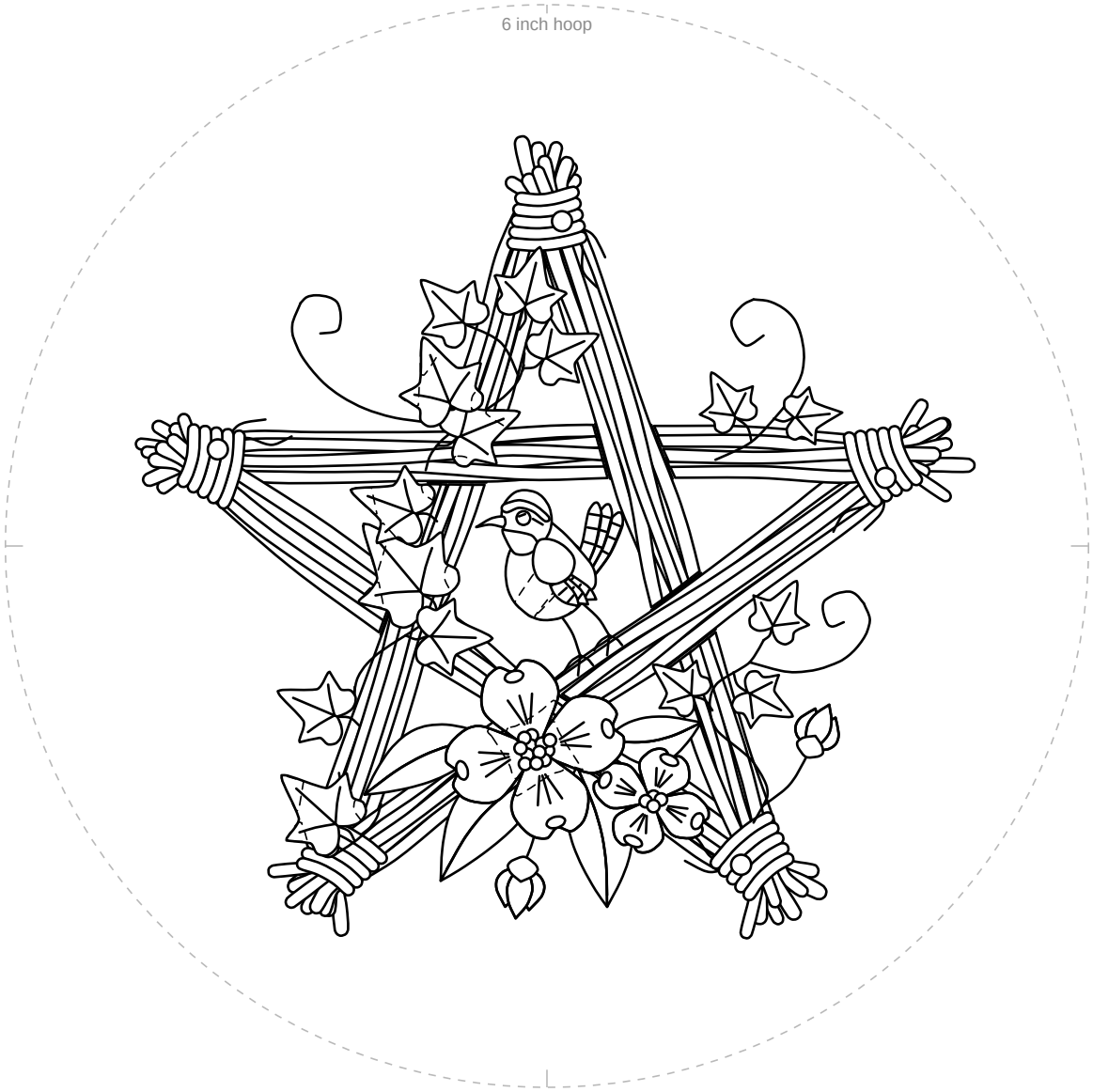
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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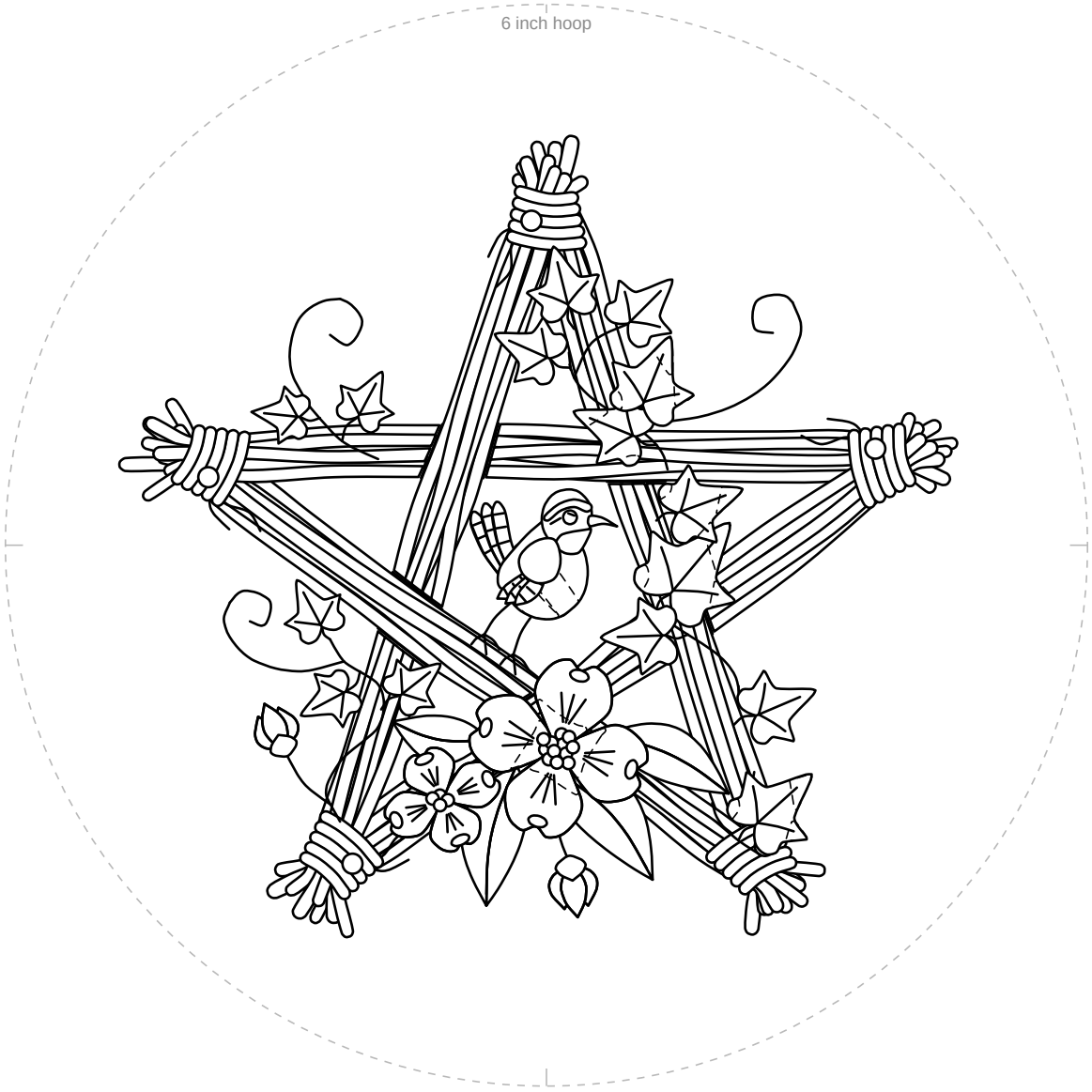
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