Backpack with two pencils

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 4.3 in (8.9 × 10.9 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.

20 colors of floss (page 2): 3 skeins of DMC 3808; one of each other 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**
   1 strand, colors 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
   Front of the bag, yellow pencil, pencil wood, coral pencil, pocket, apple



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13
   Fallen leaves, leaves, apple leaf



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18, 19, 20
   Strap webbing, shoulder straps, strap buckles, top handle, side of the bag, pencil leads, daisy petals, daisy centers, zipper pull, zipper tassel, pocket rim, acorns, acorn caps



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 8, 12
   1 strand: lines of the fallen leaves
   2 strands: leaf stems, apple stem
   3 strands: bag outline, zipper tape, flower stems, acorn stalks

5. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands, color 7
   Zipper



6. **Split stitch**, colors 1, 4, 19
   2 strands: strap edges, handle edges, pocket outline
   1 strand: pencil outlines, apple outline, acorn outline

7. **Running stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 18
   Strap topstitching, rim topstitching, pocket topstitching

8. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 7
   Knots of the daisy centers



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 433 Medium Brown	8	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	15	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
2	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	9	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	16	DMC 437 Light Tan
3	DMC 712 Cream	10	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	17	DMC 352 Light Coral
4	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	11	DMC 597 Turquoise	18	DMC 350 Medium Coral
5	DMC 921 Copper	12	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	19	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
6	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold	13	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	20	DMC 3865 Winter White
7	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	14	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz		

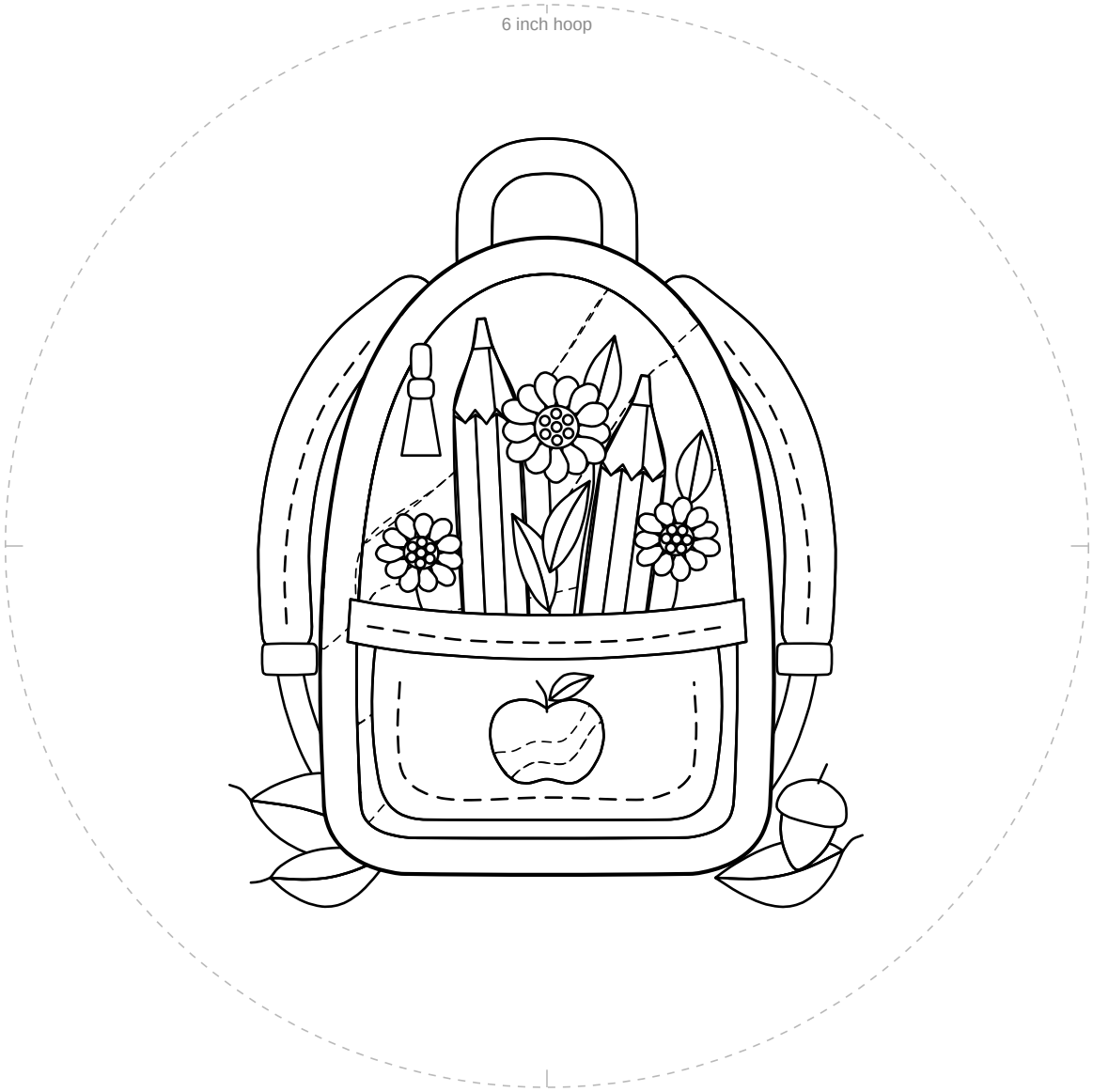
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



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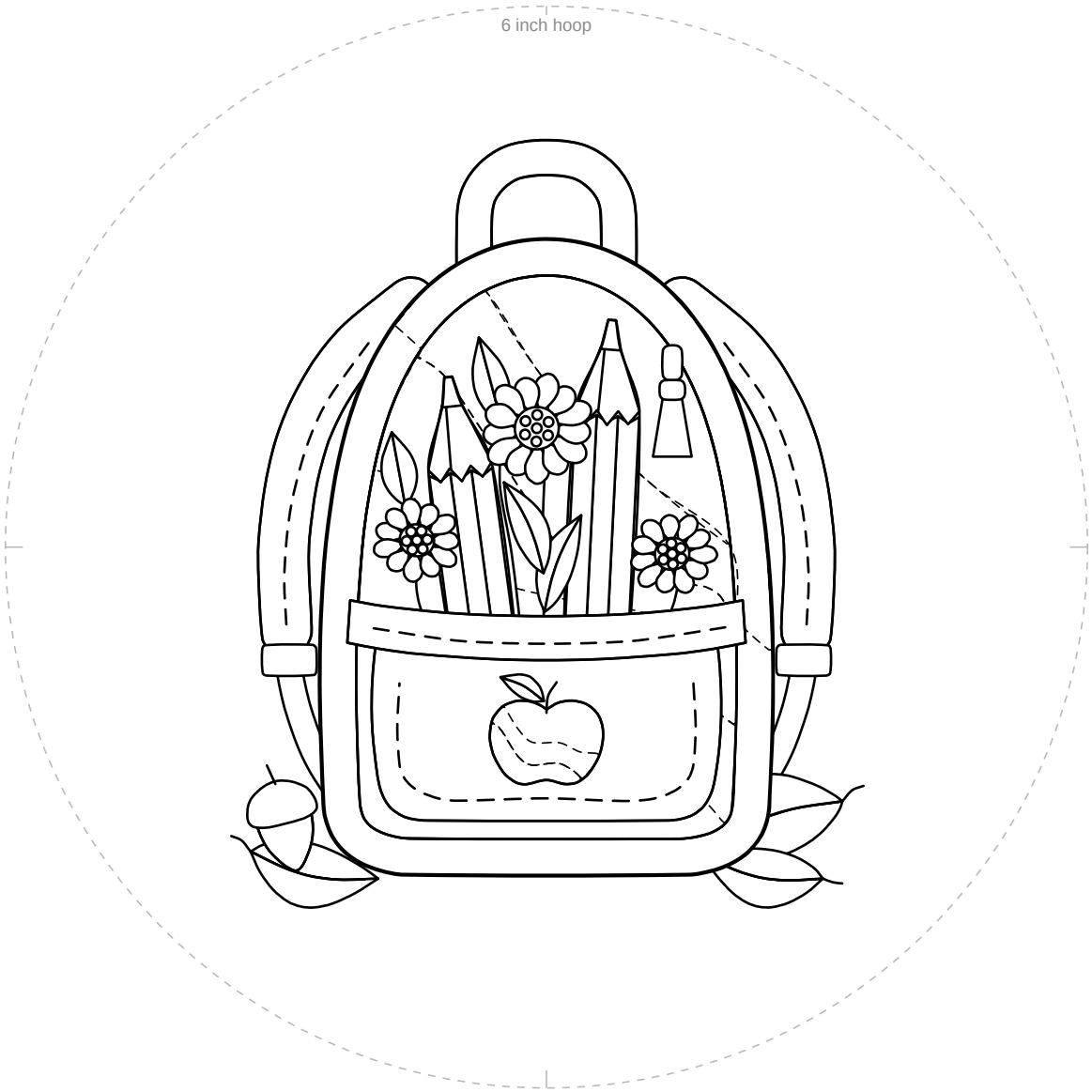
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