Basil napkin corner with a bee

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.5 × 3.5 in (8.9 × 8.9 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
   Leaves, bee
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bracts, blossoms, flower cups, bee wings, bee, bee stripes, bee head
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Young leaves
4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame
5. **Running stitch**, 1 strand
   Inner line
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, leaf midribs, stem, stem shadow, flower spike, bee legs
7. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf edges, blossom edges, bee wings
8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Bee wings
9. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bee, bee eye
10. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Crown bud

Floss

- **1 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Leaves (middle light), frame, leaf veins (light)
- **2 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Inner line, bee (dark)
- **3 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green** Leaves (dark)
- **4 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Blossom edges, leaves (lightest)
- **5 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Leaf edges and stem shadow, leaves (darkest), leaf veins (dark)
- **6 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves (middle dark), young leaves and leaf midribs (darker) and 4 more parts
- **7 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Leaves (light), leaf midribs, young leaves and bracts (lighter), crown bud
- **8 DMC 3865 Winter White** Blossoms
- **9 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  Flower cups
- **10 DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet**
  Bee wings (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Bee wings (darker), bee legs, bee stripes and bee head
- **12 DMC 3821 Straw** Bee (light), bee eye
- **13 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Bee (middle)

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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How to read it

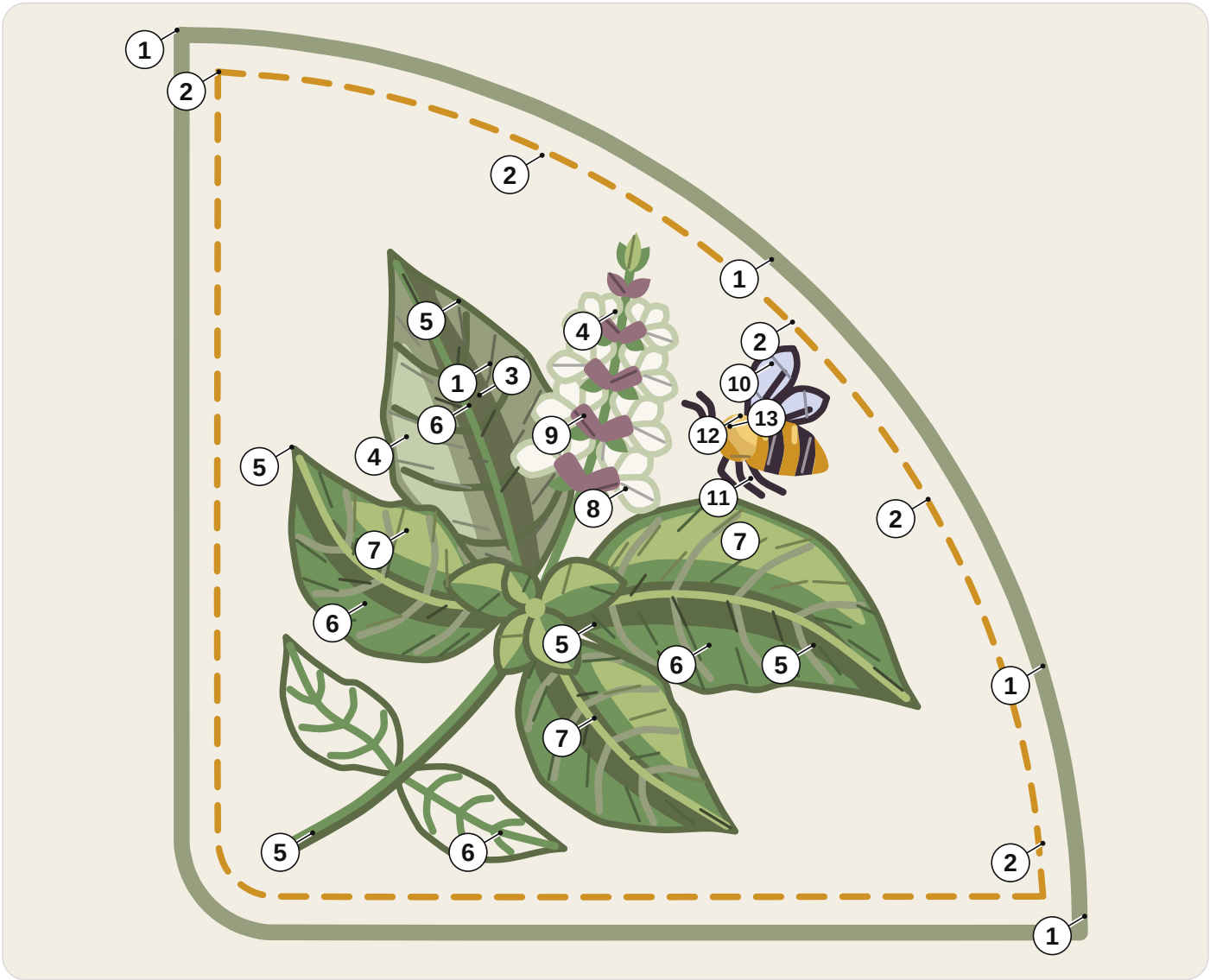
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is running stitch.

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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How many strands

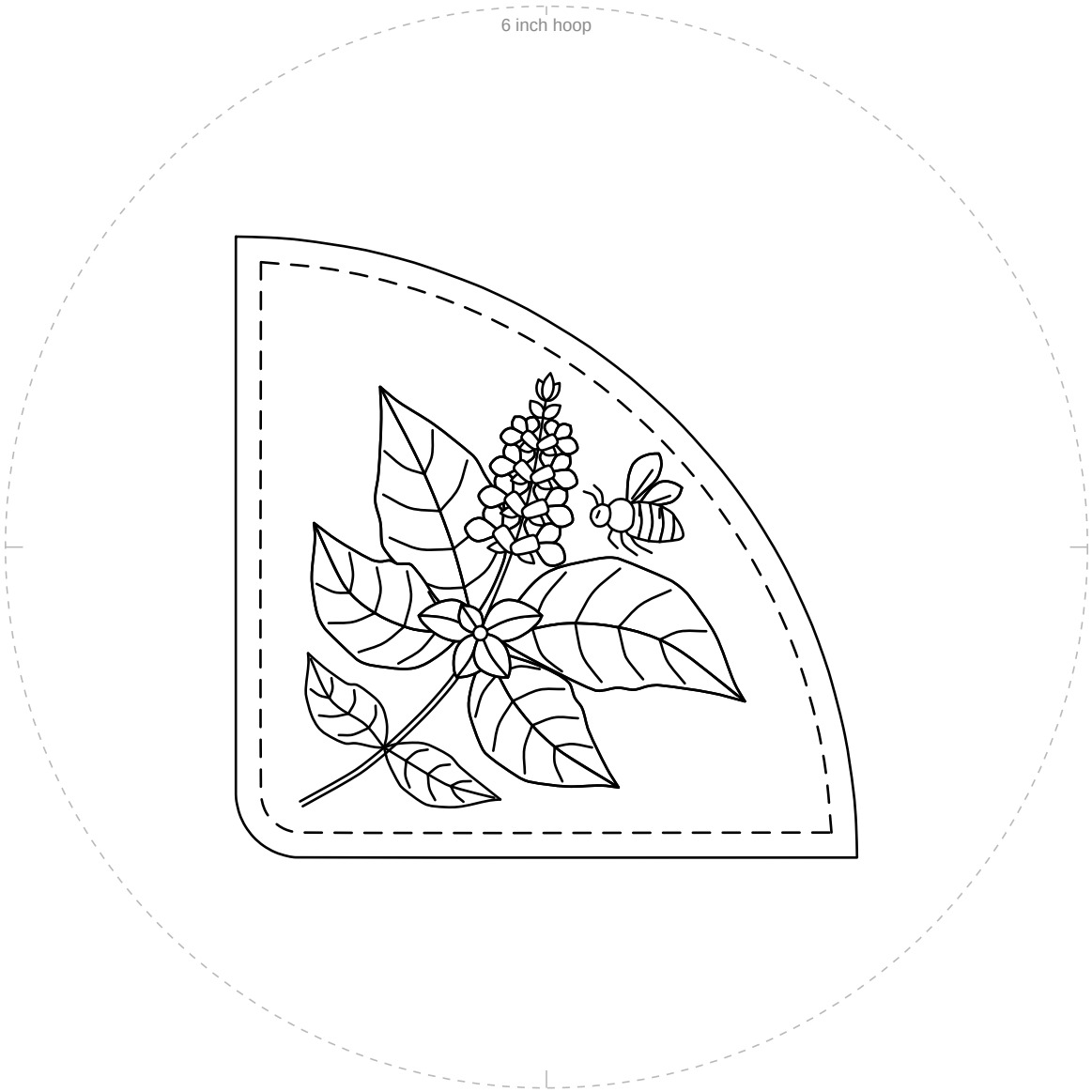
Stem stitch. 3 strands: stem, flower spike; 2 strands: leaf midribs, stem shadow; 1 strand: leaf veins, bee legs.
Split stitch. 1 or 2 strands: leaf edges; 1 strand: blossom edges, bee wings.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: bee eye; 1 strand: bee.

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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

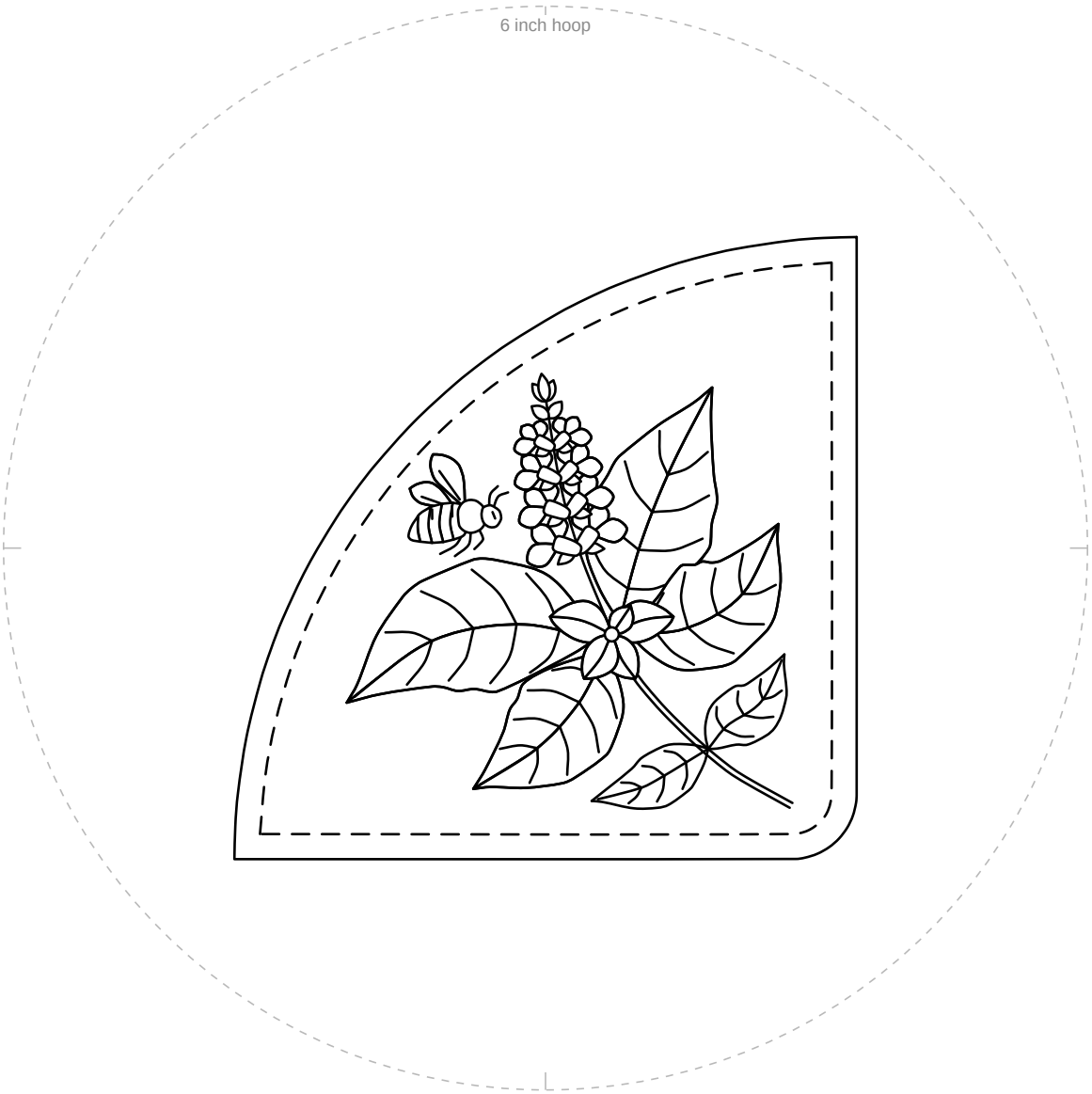
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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