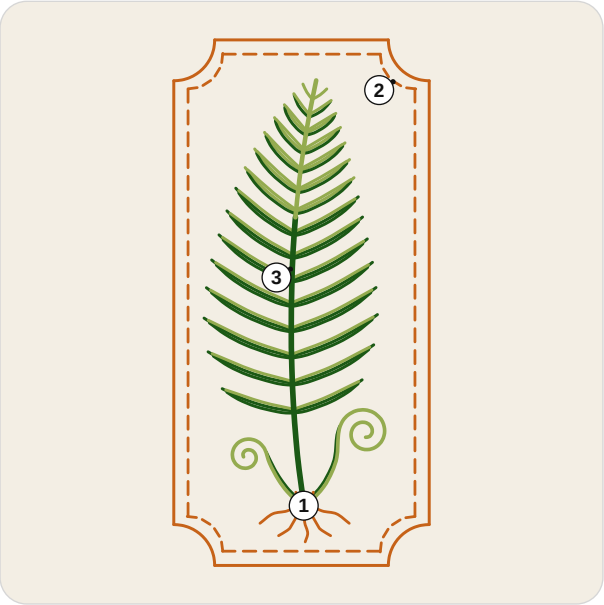
Beginner fern bookmark

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.3 × 4.7 in (5.8 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.

Floss

- **DMC 921 Copper**
  Frame, inner line and root
- **DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaflets, stem and croziers (darker)
- **DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Leaflets, croziers and stem (lighter)

Stitch in this order

1. **Back stitch**
   3 or 6 strands: croziers
   4 strands: frame, leaflets
   3 or 4 strands: root
2. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Inner line
3. **Stem stitch**, 4 to 6 strands
   Stem

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.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

A dashed line is running stitch.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 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 3, 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 2 and 3 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.

What you need

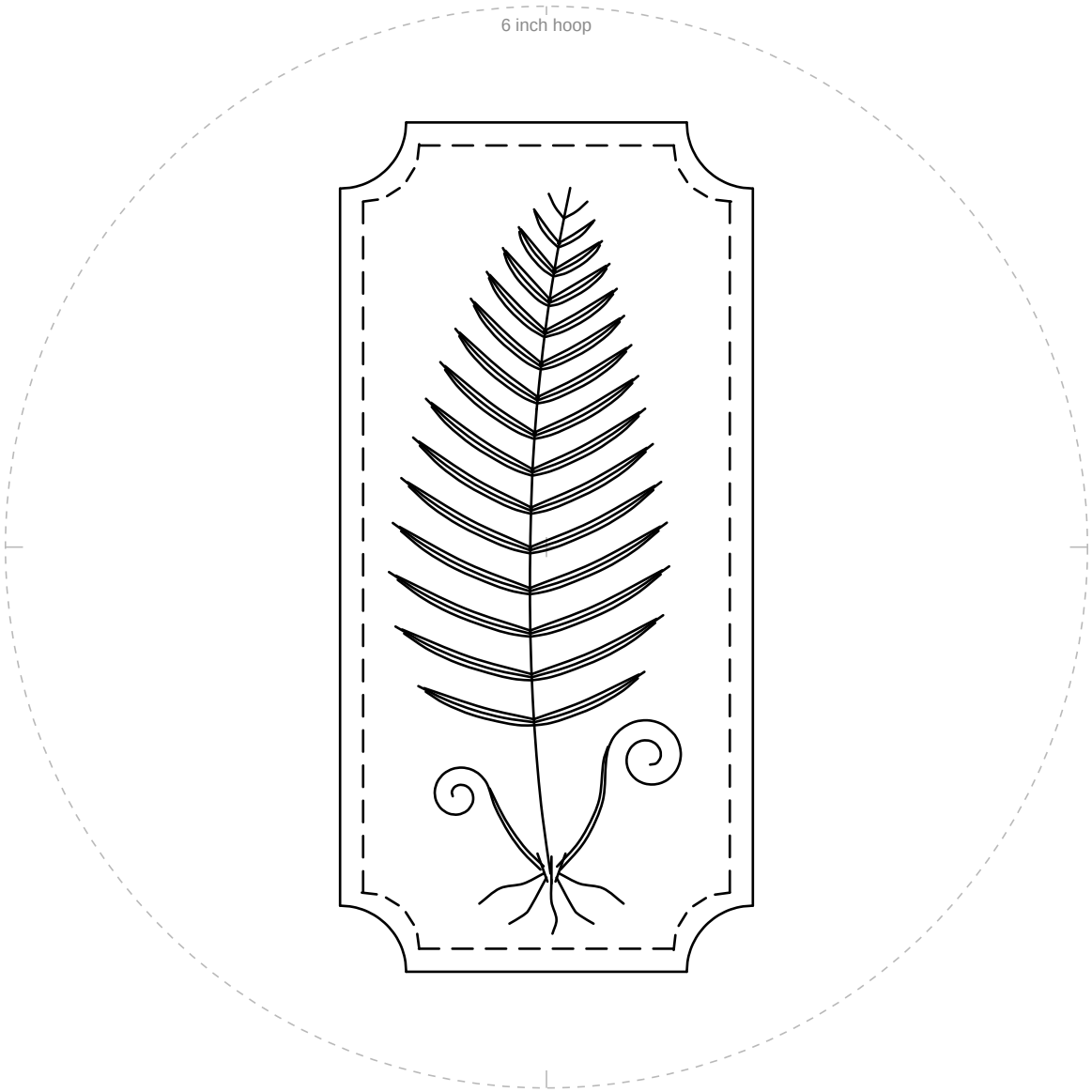
Beginner. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 7 for 3 strands, size 3 for 4 to 6 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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6 inch hoop

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.



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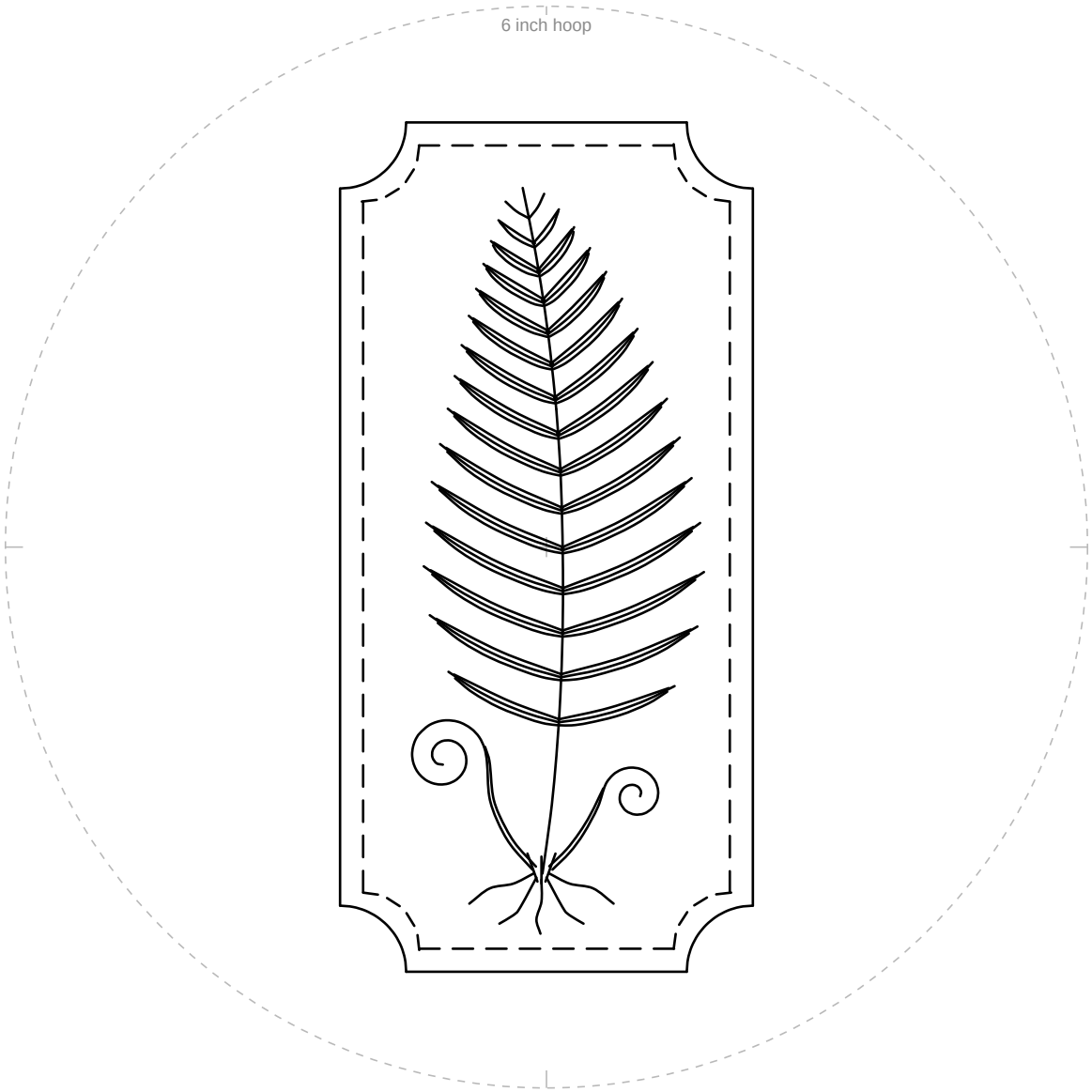
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6 inch hoop

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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