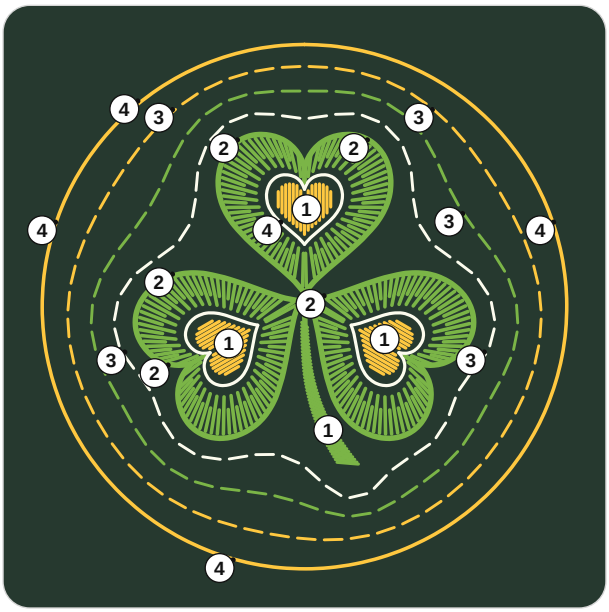
Beginner shamrock with echo lines

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



A number is a row of the list.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

Floss

- **DMC 703 Chartreuse**
  Leaves, leaf edges and stem, outer echo lines (dark)
- **DMC 746 Off White**
  Outer echo lines (light), inner echo lines
- **DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Border and gold hearts, outer echo lines (middle)

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Straight stitch**
   6 strands: leaves
   5 strands: gold hearts, stem (DMC 703)



2. **Stem stitch**, 6 strands
   Leaf edges, stem (DMC 703)

3. **Running stitch**, 4 strands
   Outer echo lines

4. **Back stitch**
   5 strands: inner echo lines
   6 strands: border

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

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 with a small knot on the back; end under a few stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 2 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 2 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 3, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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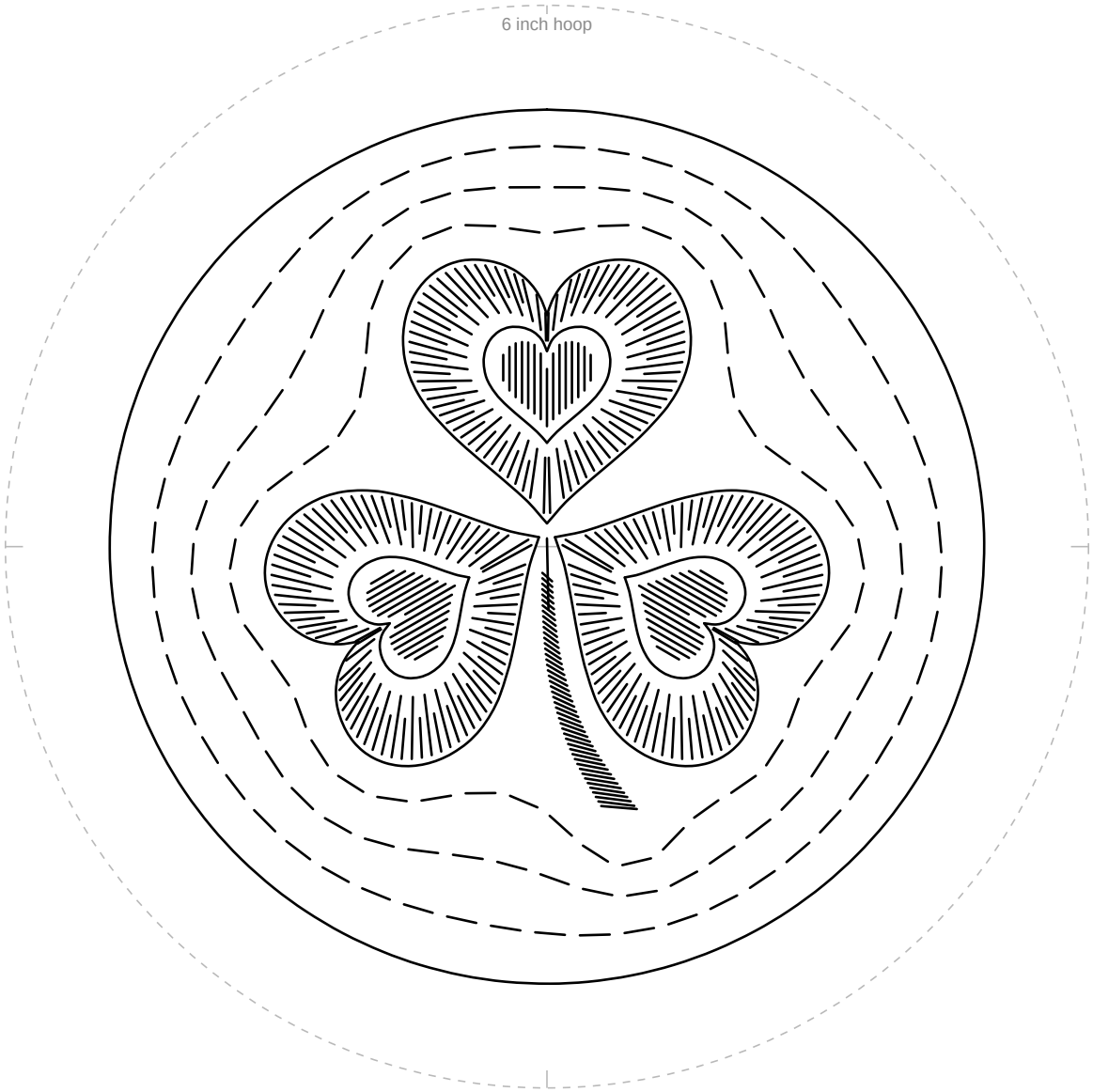
6 inch hoop

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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