Bow tie pasta butterflies bookmark

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2 × 4.5 in (5.1 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 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 3 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.

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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, color 1
   Basil stem

2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
   Fork



3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 8, 9, 10
   Pasta bows



4. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 12
   Basil leaves



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 9, 11
   Pasta folds, pasta edges, feelers

6. **Back stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 11, 12
   Pinked ends, frame line, pinked frame

7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 9, 10
   Pinched middles



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 11, 13
   Heads, peppercorns



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 522 Fern Green	**6**	DMC B5200 Snow White	**11**	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	**7**	DMC 746 Off White	**12**	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green
3	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	**8**	DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige	**13**	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon
4	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	**9**	DMC 676 Light Old Gold		
5	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	**10**	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold		

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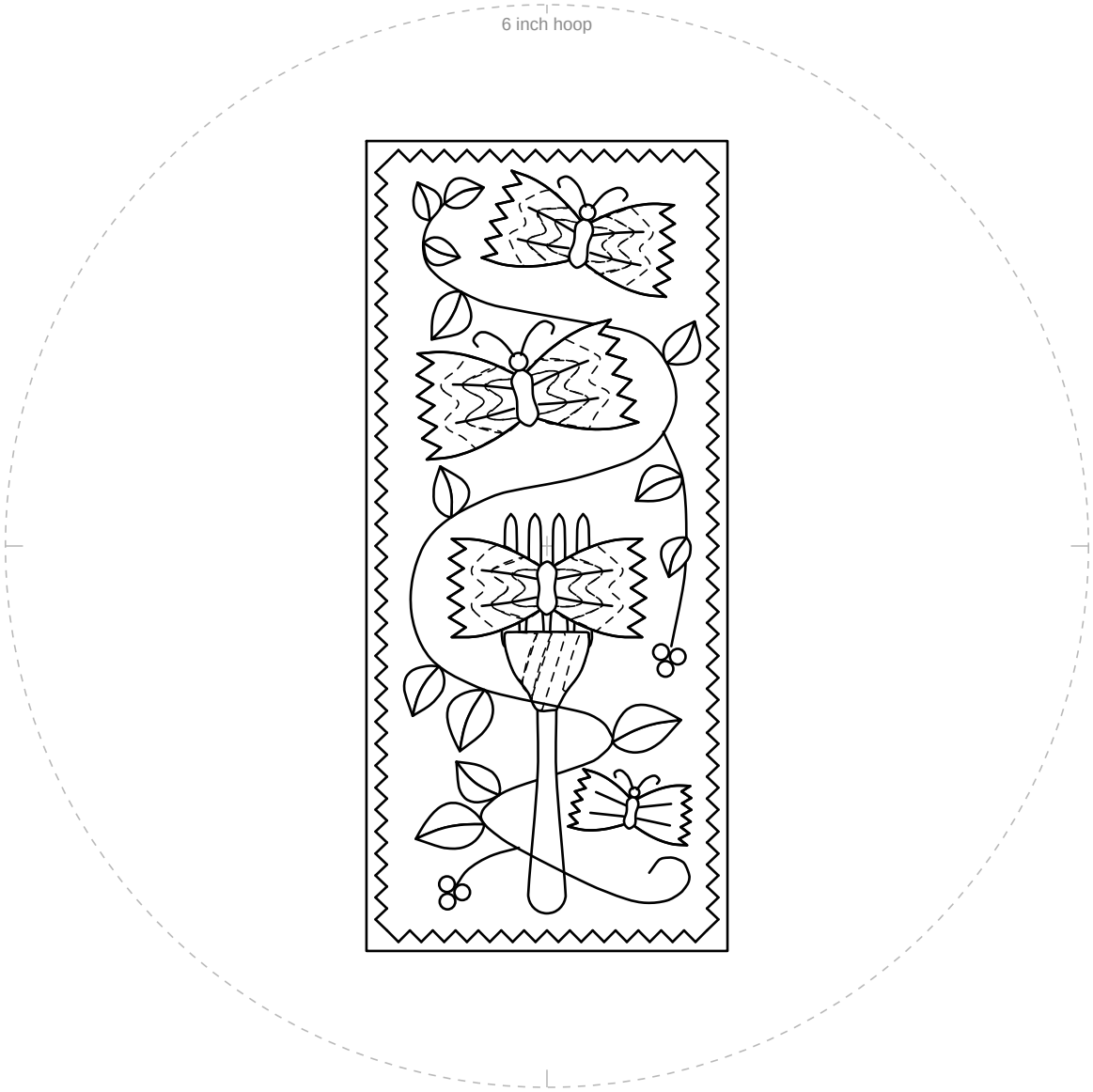
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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