Darning sampler of seven little patches

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 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. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mushroom gills, strawberry leaves, acorn cup, leaf rib, needle
2. **Woven filling stitch**, 6 strands
   Mushroom stem, mushroom cap, striped pear, checked strawberry, basket weave cloud, gingham acorn, round darn, leaf, light half, leaf, dark half
3. **Blanket stitch**, 6 strands
   Mushroom stem edge, mushroom cap edge, pear edge, strawberry edge, cloud edge, acorn edge, leaf edge
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Pear leaf
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pear stalk, strawberry stalk, acorn stalk, thread through the eye
6. **Running stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Ring round the darn, wandering thread
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Acorn cup knots, start knot

Floss

- **1 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Acorn edge, mushroom gills, leaf rib, pear stalk and acorn stalk, acorn cup (darker)
- **2 DMC 712 Cream**
  Basket weave cloud and gingham acorn (lighter), mushroom stem and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Striped pear (middle), mushroom cap edge, gingham acorn (darker) and 2 more parts
- **4 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Mushroom cap (darkest), leaf edge, acorn cup (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **5 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Mushroom cap (dark), cloud edge and ring round the darn
- **6 DMC 937 Medium Avocado Green**
  Leaf, dark half and strawberry leaves (darker), pear edge and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Leaf, light half (darker), leaf, dark half, strawberry leaves and pear leaf (lighter)
- **8 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry**
  Checked strawberry and round darn (darker), strawberry edge
- **9 DMC 926 Medium Gray Green**
  Basket weave cloud (darker)
- **10 DMC 209 Dark Lavender**
  Round darn (lighter)
- **11 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Needle

Two ways onto a knit

1. **A knit that can be washed**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto the knit, stitch through both and rinse it away. Hoop it gently, or not at all.
2. **Any other knit**
   Trace page 3 on tissue paper, pin it on, sew along its lines in small running stitches and tear the paper away: you embroider over those lines.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off.

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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.

On a knit leave a tail of 3 to 4 inches (7.5 to 10 cm) and weave it in at the end, since a knot pulls through. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot.

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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2	DMC 712 Cream	**6**	DMC 937 Medium Avocado Green	**10**	DMC 209 Dark Lavender
3	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**7**	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	**11**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
4	DMC 920 Medium Copper	**8**	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 5 strands: pear stalk, strawberry stalk, acorn stalk; 3 strands: thread through the eye.
Running stitch. 6 strands: wandering thread; 4 strands: ring round the darn.
French knot. 4 strands: start knot; 2 strands: acorn cup knots.

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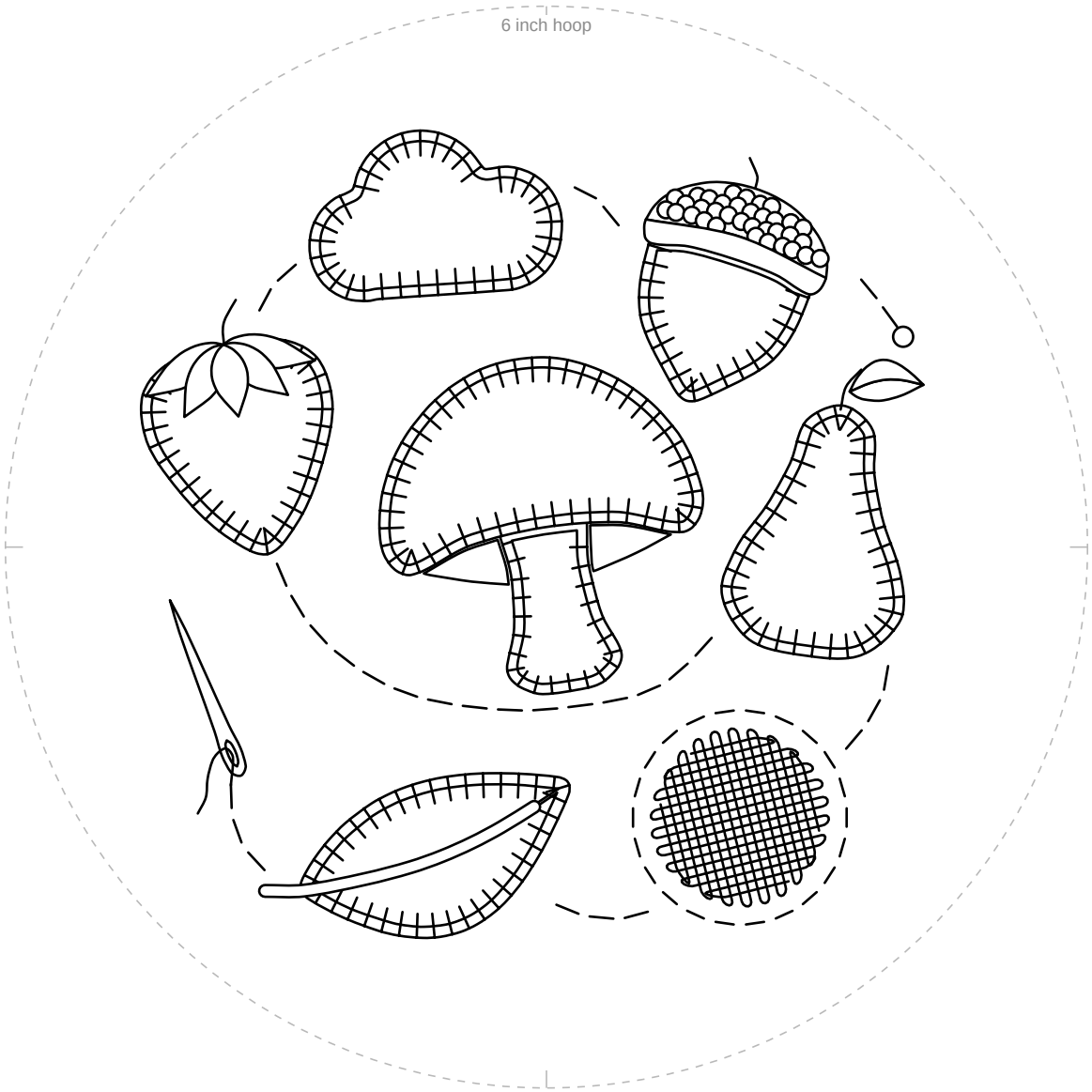
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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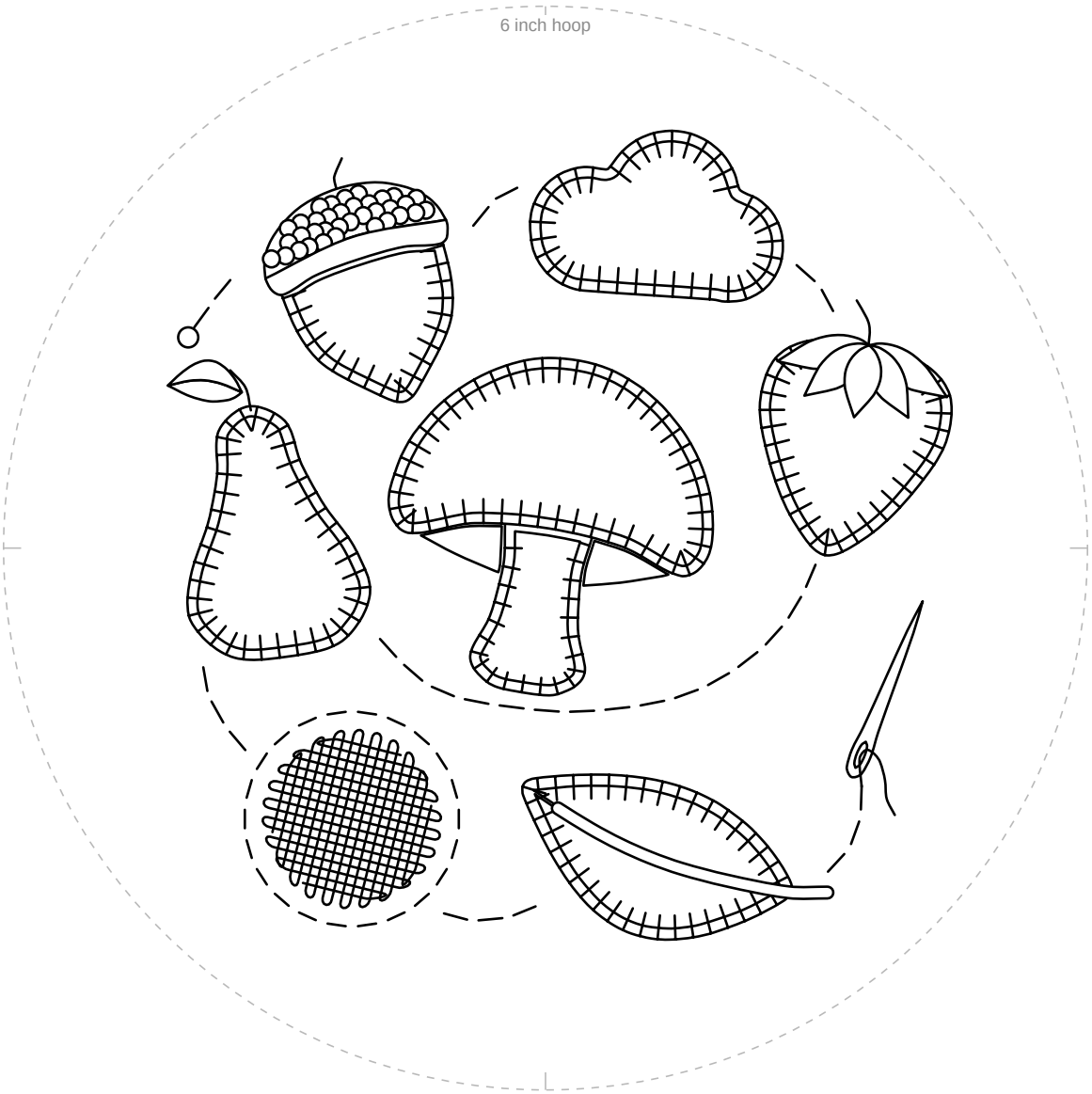
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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