Dice between two sprigs

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 4.5 in (12.7 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 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
   Side stems, four-leaf clover stem

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3
   Flower leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
   Clover leaves, clover flowers (color 6), four-leaf clover, ivory die right side, ivory die left side, ivory die top, red die right side, red die left side, red die top



4. **Satin stitch**
   colors 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 19
   2 strands: main stems
   1 strand: leaf markings, clover flowers, ivory die pips, red die pips



5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 5
   Leaf veins

6. **Split stitch**
   2 strands, colors 12, 17, 19, 24
   Ivory die edge, ivory die near edges, red die edge, red die near edges

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



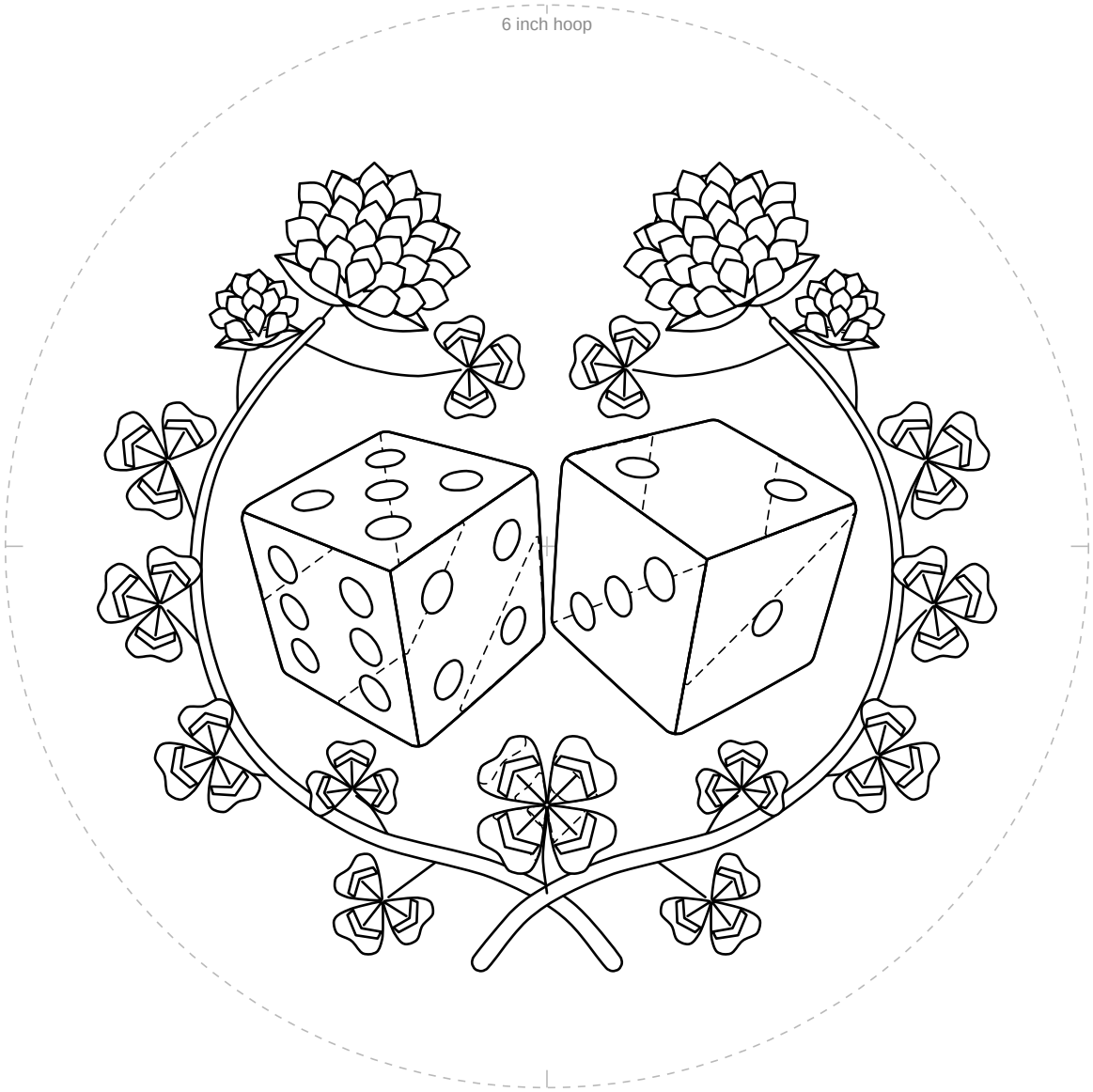
1	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**9**	DMC 151 Very Light Dusty Rose	**17**	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**10**	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink	**18**	DMC 712 Cream
3	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	**11**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	**19**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green	**12**	DMC 434 Light Brown	**20**	DMC 498 Dark Red
5	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**13**	DMC 436 Tan	**21**	DMC 321 Red
6	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	**14**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**22**	DMC 351 Coral
7	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	**15**	DMC 437 Light Tan	**23**	DMC 350 Medium Coral
8	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	**16**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	**24**	DMC 352 Light Coral

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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 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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