Easy strawberry needle book cover

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.5 × 3.5 in (8.9 × 8.9 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, loops and knots.

1. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Scalloped edge
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, needle, blossom sepals, blossom center
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Berry caps
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Corner blossoms, leaf veins, seeds, blossom petals, blossom stamens
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stems, leaf outlines, needle, berry outlines
6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf outlines
7. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Thread, needle, berries, unripe berry, blossom outline
8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Corner blossoms
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Edge knots, corner blossoms

Floss

- **1 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Scalloped edge, blossom outline and thread, berries (middle) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 893 Light Carnation**
  Blossom petals, edge knots and unripe berry, berries (light), corner blossoms (middle)
- **3 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Seeds (lighter), blossom stamens and blossom center, corner blossoms (light)
- **4 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaf outlines and stems, berry caps and needle (darker)
- **5 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves, leaf veins and blossom sepals, berry caps (lighter), seeds (darker)
- **6 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Needle (lighter)
- **7 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Berries (dark), berry outlines (darker)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 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 3 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 4, 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 3 and 4 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.

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How to read it

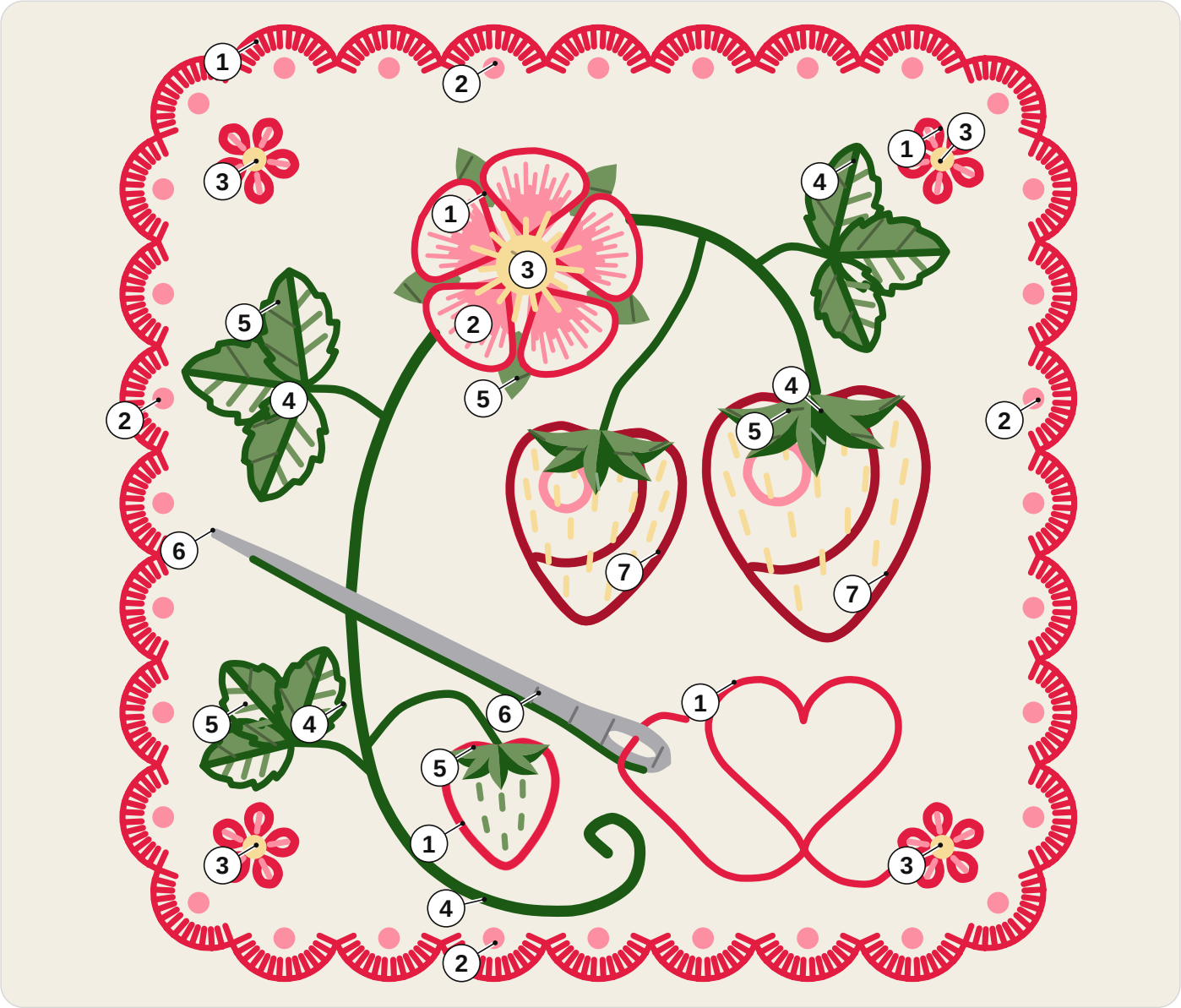
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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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How many strands

Straight stitch. 2 strands: leaf veins, seeds, blossom petals, blossom stamens; 1 strand: corner blossoms.
Stem stitch. 2 or 4 strands: stems; 2 strands: berry outlines; 1 strand: leaf outlines, needle.
Split stitch. 3 strands: thread; 2 strands: berries, unripe berry, blossom outline; 1 strand: needle.

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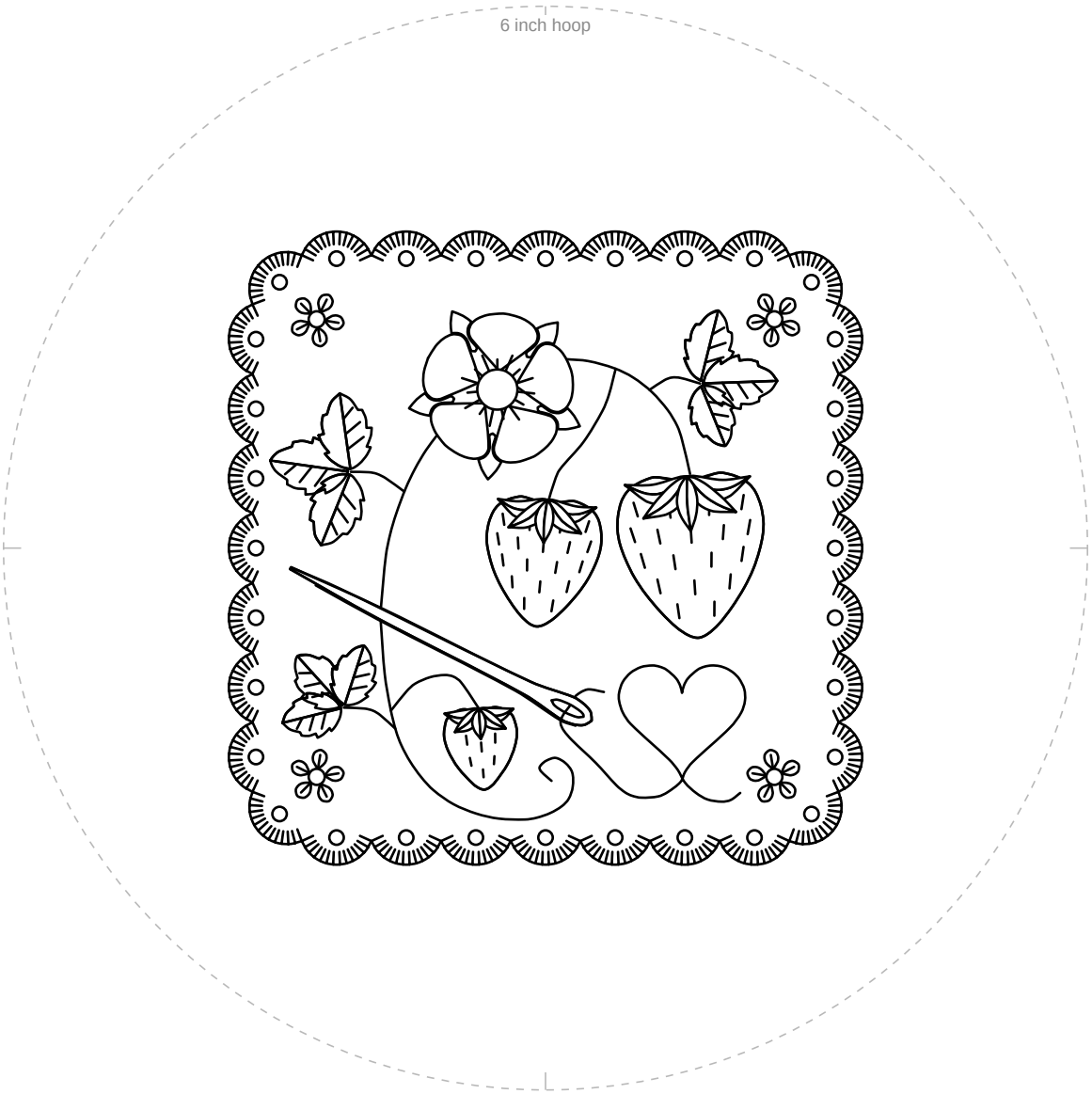
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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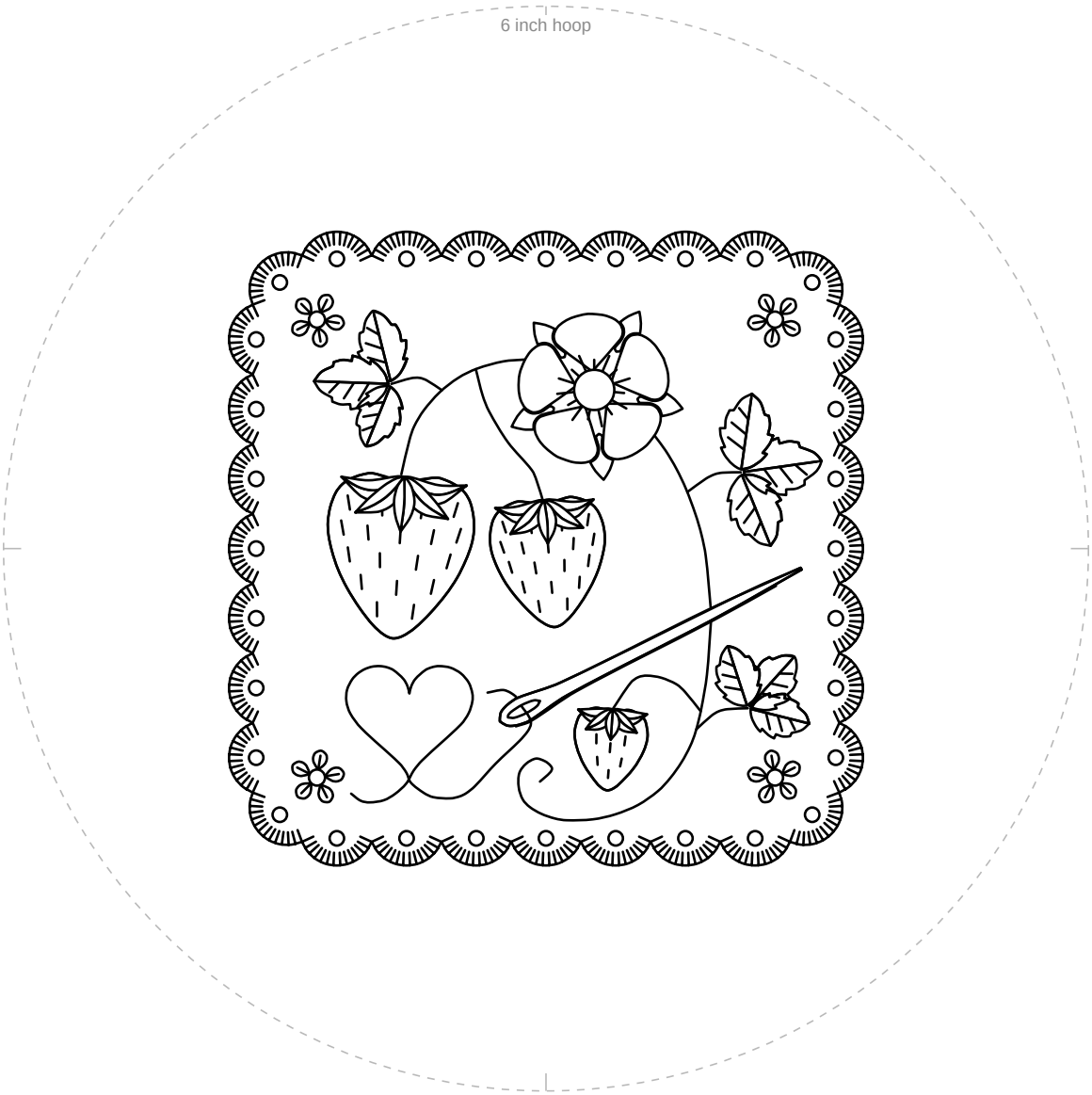
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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