Fig coaster with a cut fig and leaf

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.2 × 3.2 in (8.1 × 8.1 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. **Sheaf stitch**, 1 strand
   Border sheaves
2. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Border corners, turned leaf edge, leaf stalk, fig stalks, fig eye, fig skin, fig hollow, twig, twig end
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf, whole fig, fig pith, fig flesh, figlet
4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Border rails
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, leaf edge, fig stalks, twig
6. **Stem stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Leaf veins
7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Fig eye, fig threads

Floss

- **1 DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray**
  Border sheaves, border rails and border corners, twig (lighter)
- **2 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Leaf, figlet and fig stalks (light), leaf veins (lighter), turned leaf edge
- **3 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Leaf, whole fig and figlet (middle), leaf edge (lighter), leaf stalk, fig stalks (dark)
- **4 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Leaf and figlet (dark), leaf veins and leaf edge (darker), fig stalks (darkest)
- **5 DMC 3836 Light Grape** Whole fig (light)
- **6 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Whole fig (darkest), fig skin (darker), fig hollow
- **7 DMC 3834 Dark Grape**
  Whole fig (dark), fig skin (lighter)
- **8 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Whole fig (lightest)
- **9 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Fig flesh and fig eye (dark)
- **10 DMC 3833 Light Raspberry**
  Fig flesh and fig eye (light), fig threads
- **11 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Fig pith and twig end, fig stalks (lightest)
- **12 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry**
  Fig flesh and fig eye (middle)
- **13 DMC 743 Medium Yellow** Fig seeds (lighter)
- **14 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Fig seeds (darker)
- **15 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Twig (darker)

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Fig seeds

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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6 inch hoop

How to read it

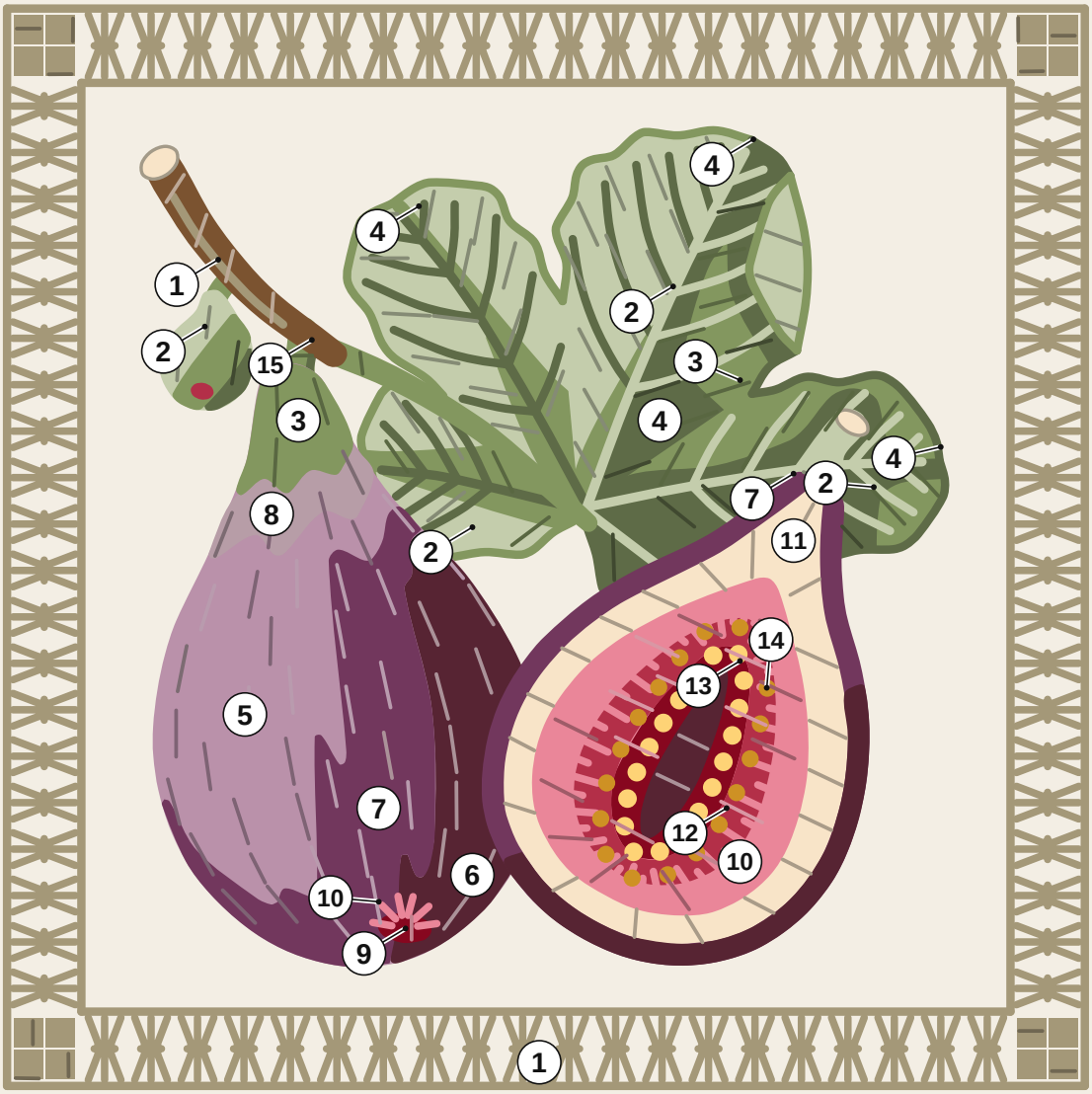
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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

Satin stitch. 2 strands: leaf stalk, twig; 1 or 2 strands: fig stalks; 1 strand: border corners, turned leaf edge, fig eye, fig skin, fig hollow, twig end.

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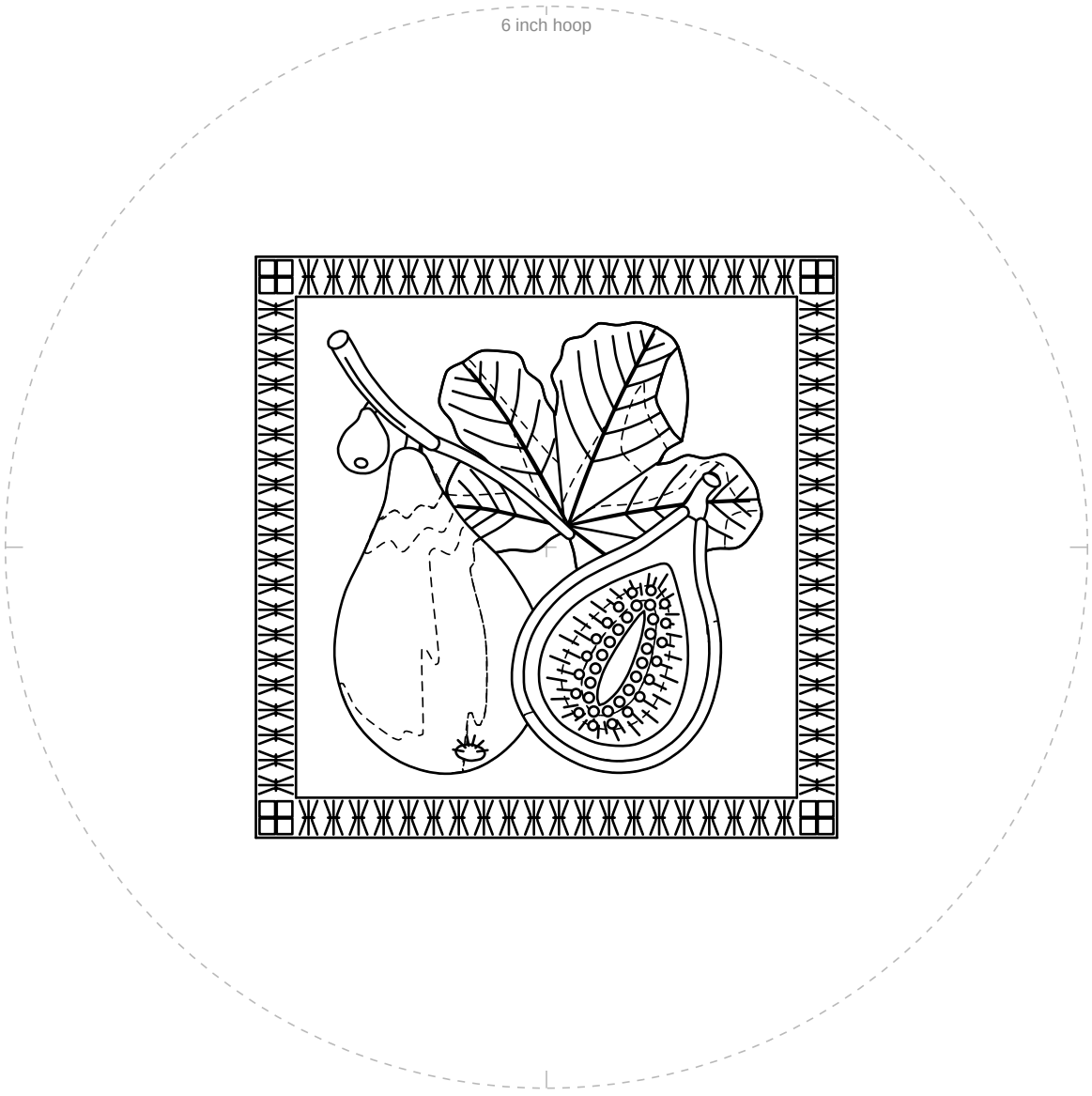
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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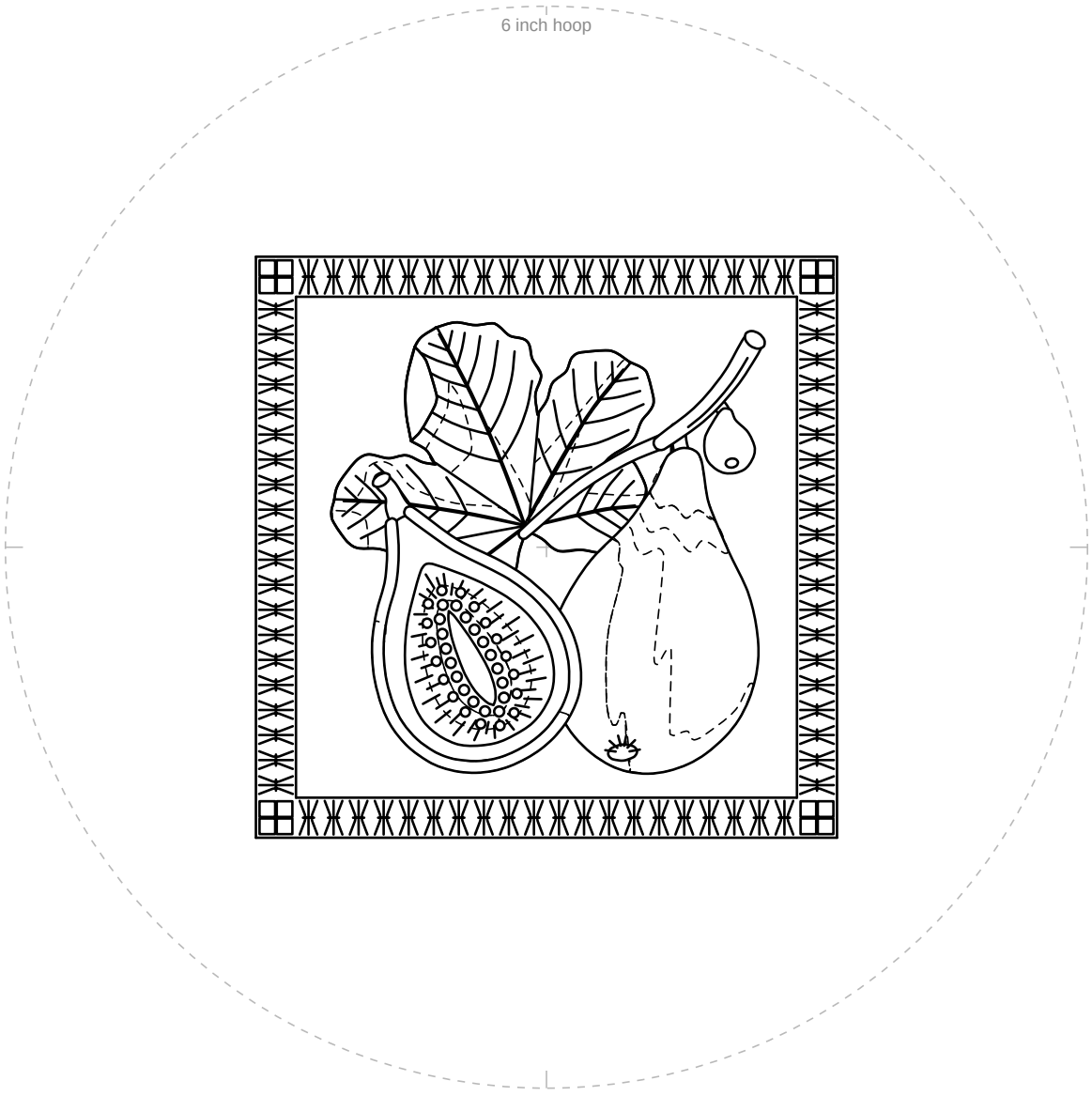
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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