Garden redwork quilt block: watering can

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. Each number is a stitch of the list.

Stitch in this order

1. **Stem stitch**
   2 or 3 strands: can
   2 strands: frame, flower stems, enamel flower

2. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: handle, spout, spout rose, can
   2 strands: tulip, daisy, bloom, scallops, enamel flower, snail

3. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Snail



4. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Corner sprigs, water drops, leaf sprig, leaves, daisy, enamel flower



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Spout rose, flower centers, scallop knots, snail



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.

Floss

DMC 321 Red
Frame, can, corner sprigs, bloom, flower stems and daisy and 12 more parts

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.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it 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.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 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 3, 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 2 and 3 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

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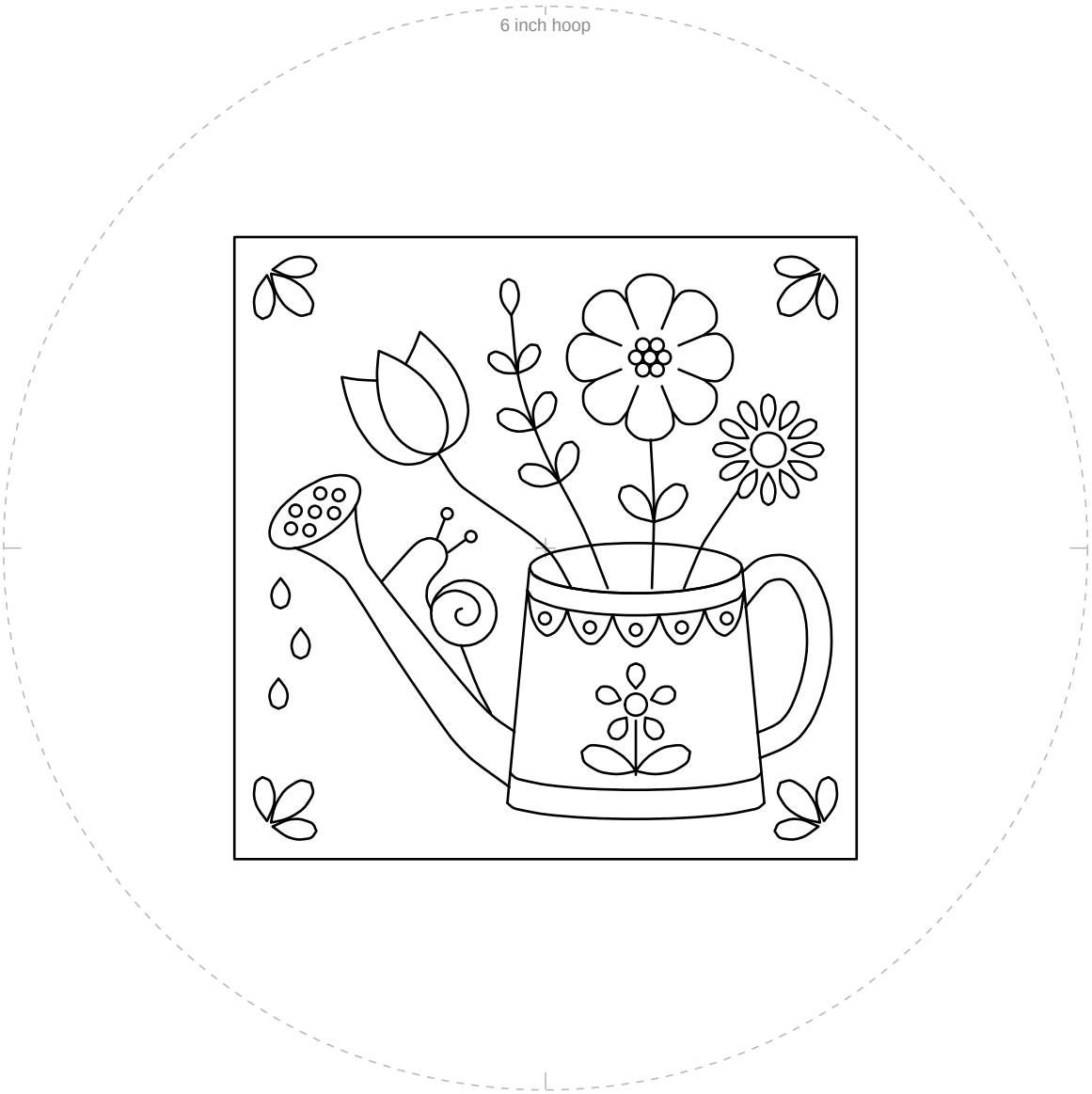
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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