Letters made of garden things, letter A

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The letter is 3.9 in (9.9 cm) tall; the stitched design is about 3.2 × 3.9 in (8.1 × 9.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Outlines (middle), treads and ladder top, grain (darker)
- **2 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Ladder, grain (lighter)
- **3 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Nails (darker)
- **4 DMC 436 Tan**
  Nails (lighter)
- **5 DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green**
  Leaves (lighter), vine
- **6 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaves (darker), outlines (light)
- **7 DMC 907 Light Parrot Green**
  Veins
- **8 DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red**
  Blossoms
- **9 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Outlines (dark)
- **10 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Blossom centers

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Treads, ladder, ladder top
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Blossoms
4. **Back stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Outlines, grain, veins
5. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Vine
6. **French knot**
   1 to 2 strands, two wraps
   Nails, blossom centers

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Letters made of garden things, letter A

Letter 3.9 in, 6 inch hoop

How to read it

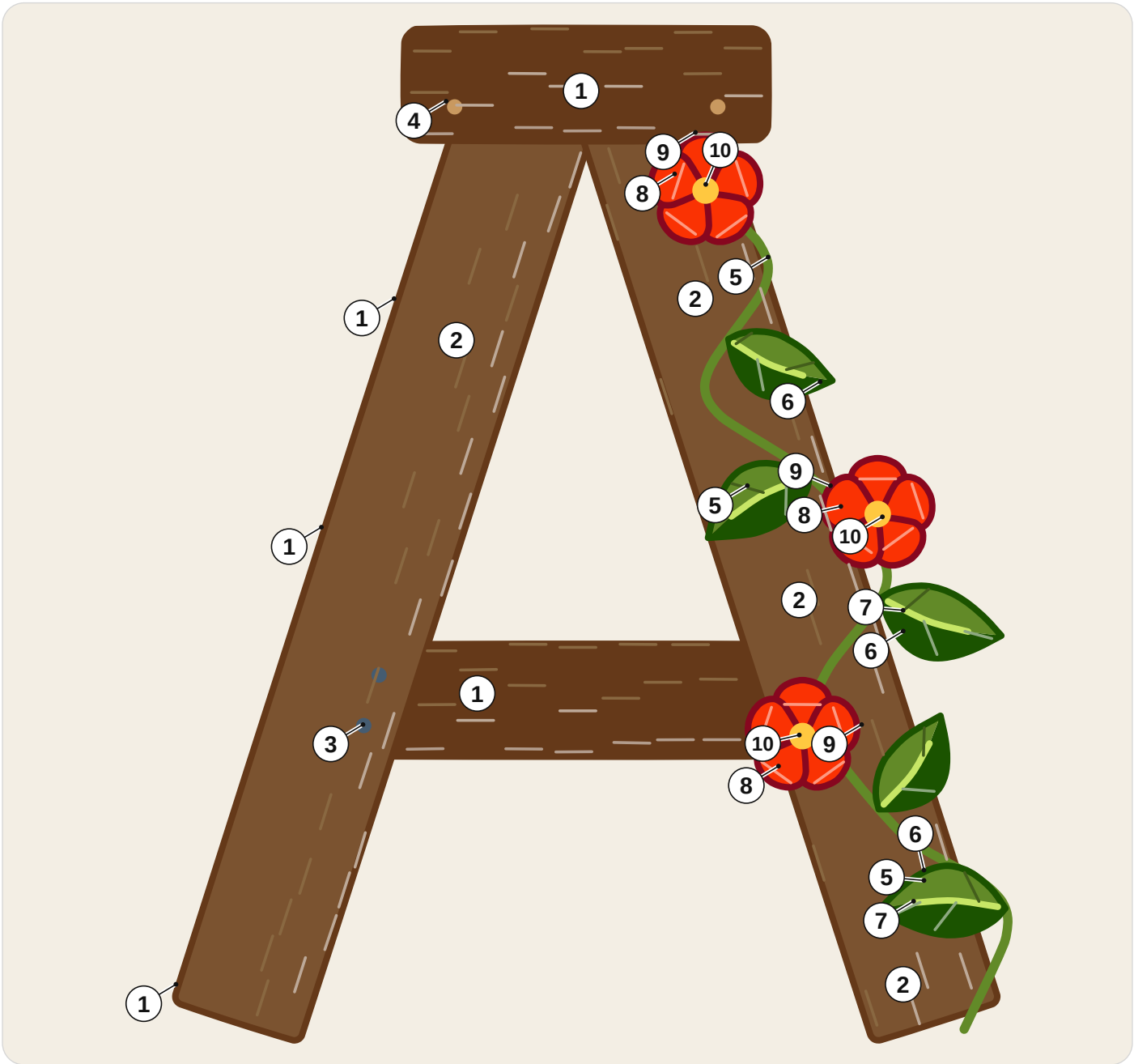
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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 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.



- **1** DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
- **2** DMC 433 Medium Brown
- **3** DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
- **4** DMC 436 Tan
- **5** DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green
- **6** DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green
- **7** DMC 907 Light Parrot Green
- **8** DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red
- **9** DMC 815 Medium Garnet
- **10** DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Letters made of garden things, letter A

Letter 3.9 in, 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

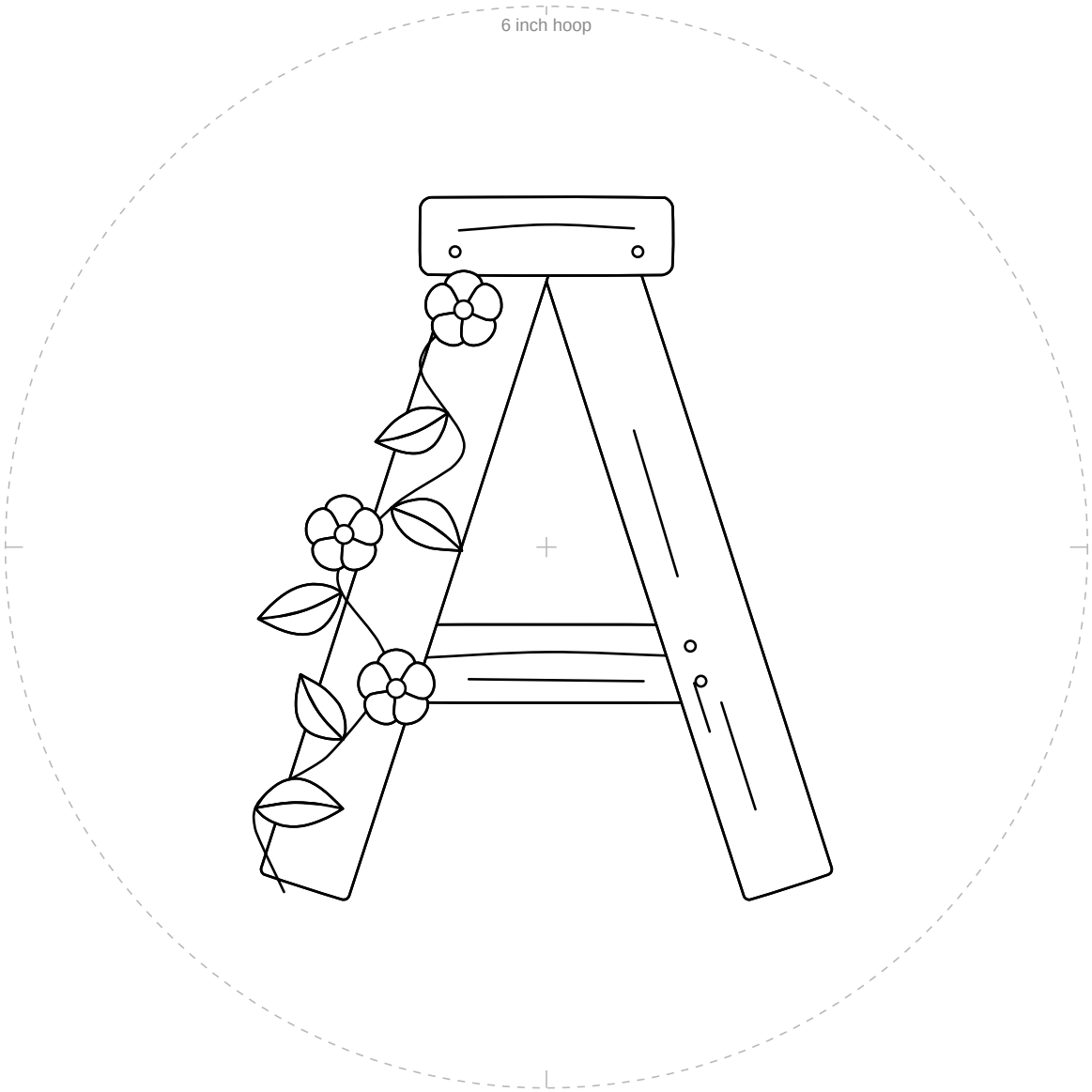
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Letters made of garden things, letter A

Letter 3.9 in, 6 inch hoop

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



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.