Leaves on stems stitch sampler

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.7 in (11.4 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.

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 loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A dashed line is running stitch.

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.

Floss

- **DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray**
  Fly stitch leaves, stems (light), running stitch leaves (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 732 Olive Green**
  Lazy daisy leaves and back stitch leaves, fishbone leaves (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Straight stitch leaves, stems (dark), running stitch leaves (darker) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  New leaf and tie

Stitch in this order

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

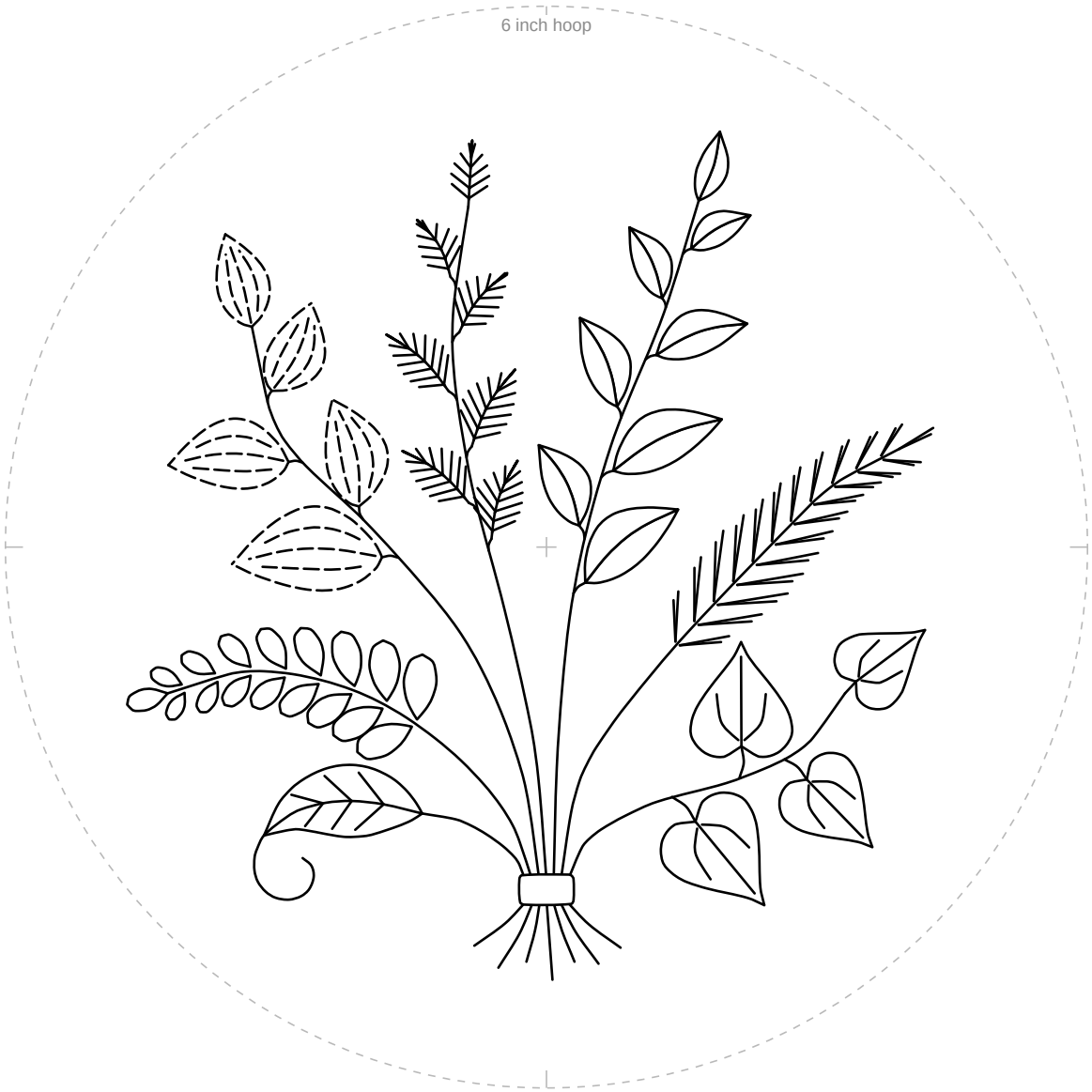
1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Fishbone leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tie
3. **Stem stitch**
   3 or 4 strands: stems
   2 or 3 strands: leaf stalks
   1 or 2 strands: new leaf
   1 strand: fly stitch leaves
4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems
5. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: stems, back stitch leaves
   2 strands: leaf veins
6. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Stems
7. **Running stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
   Running stitch leaves
8. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Fly stitch leaves
9. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Straight stitch leaves
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
    Lazy daisy leaves

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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.



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25.4 mm

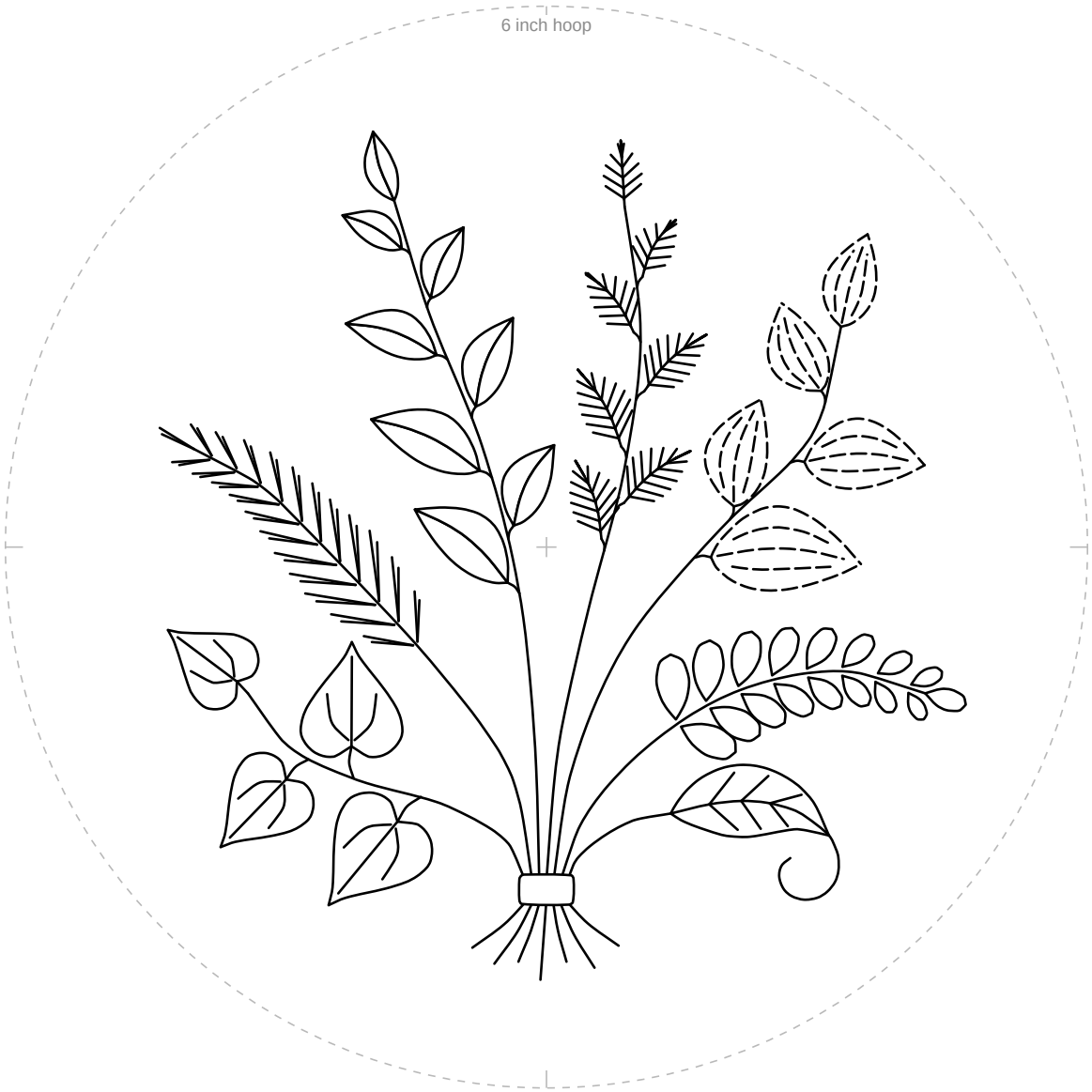
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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