Mini pumpkin

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 3.6 in (10.2 × 9.1 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Tendril

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Oak leaves, ribs, pumpkin leaf, stem, acorns



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stem end, ladybird head, ladybird, acorn caps



4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Oak leaf veins (color 2), lines of the ladybird spots

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Grooves, stem end rim

6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: oak leaf veins (color 2)
   4 strands: leaf stalk, acorn stalks
   1 strand: leaf veins

7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Ladybird legs



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: knots of the ladybird spots
   2 strands: knots of the acorn caps



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 22 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 831 Medium Golden Olive	9	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	17	DMC 3364 Pine Green
2	DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive	10	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	18	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown
3	DMC 833 Light Golden Olive	11	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	19	DMC 321 Red
4	DMC 437 Light Tan	12	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	20	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
5	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	13	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	21	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
6	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	14	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	22	DMC 433 Medium Brown
7	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice	15	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green		
8	DMC 971 Pumpkin	16	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green		

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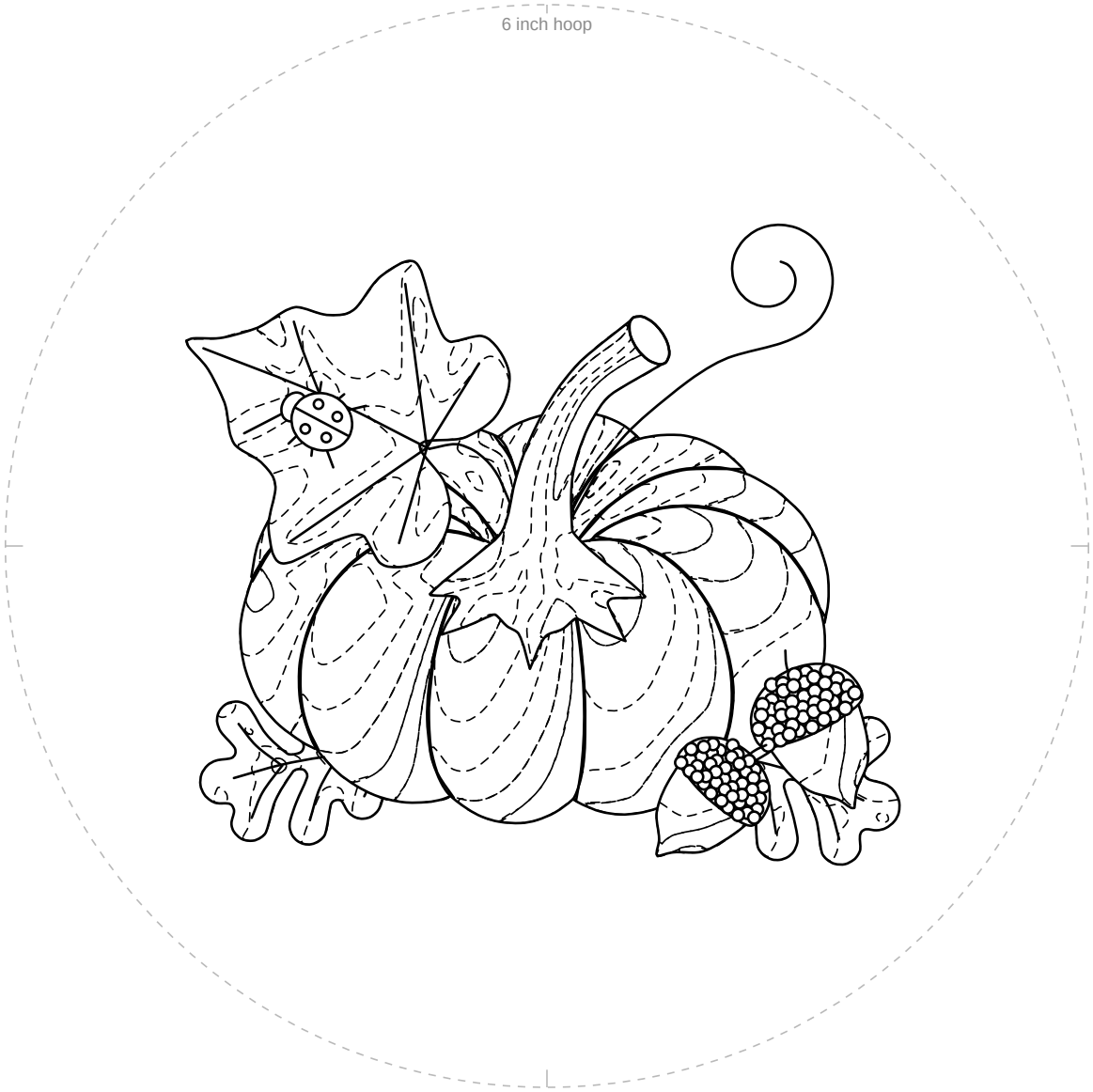
6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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25.4 mm

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