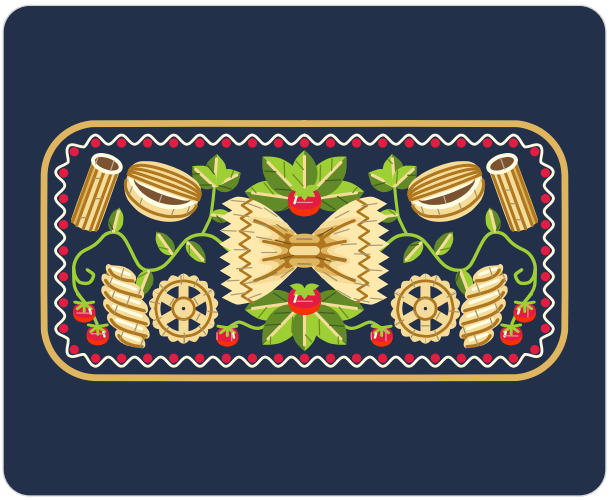
Pasta shapes border, basil and tomatoes

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 2.4 in (12.2 × 6.1 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Basil leaves, tomato bellies, tomato stars, wheel spokes, wheel rims, wheel hubs, shell ridges, shell lips, shell mouths, twist hollows, and 3 more
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tomatoes, bow pinch
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bow pasta
4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Outer border
5. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Ruffle border, wheel lines
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tendrils, basil veins, shell lines, twist lines, twist lights, tube lines, tube rims, bow folds, pinch creases
7. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tomato lights, tomato stars, bow zigzag
8. **Whipped back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Vine, tendrils
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Border knots

Floss

- **1 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Outer border, bow pasta (dark), tube ridges and bow pinch (darker)
- **2 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Ruffle border, shell lips, twist lights, tube rims and tomato lights
- **3 DMC 666 Bright Red** Tomatoes and border knots
- **4 DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse**
  Basil leaves (lighter), vine, tomato stars and tendrils
- **5 DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green**
  Basil leaves (darker)
- **6 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Shell ridges, twists and wheel rims, tube ridges (lighter) and 5 more parts
- **7 DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red** Tomato bellies
- **8 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Twist hollows, shell lines, tube lines, wheel lines and twist lines and 4 more parts
- **9 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Shell mouths and tube hollows
- **10 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Bow pasta (lightest)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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 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

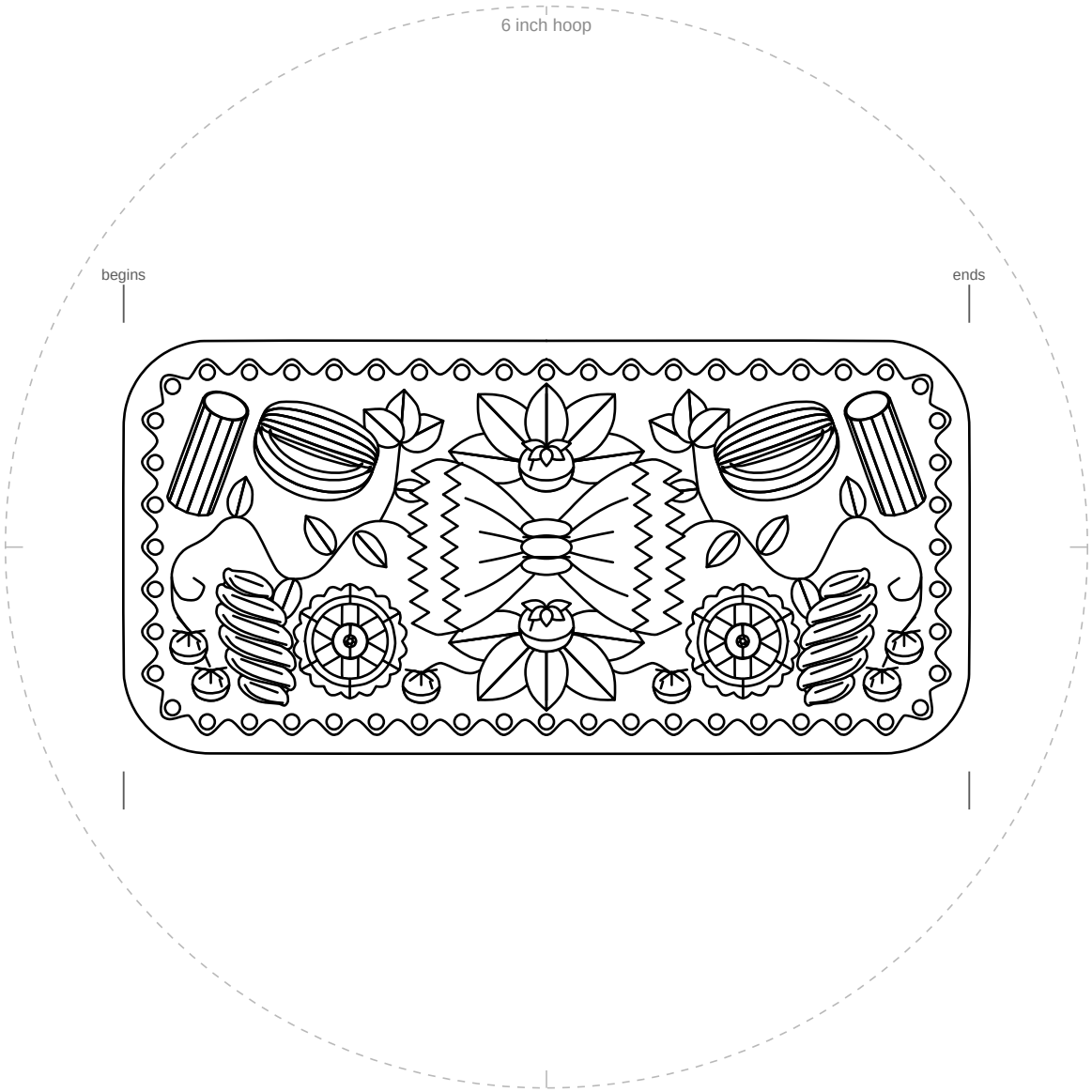
Back stitch. 2 strands: ruffle border; 1 strand: wheel lines.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: tube rims; 2 strands: tendrils, twist lines, twist lights, pinch creases; 1 strand: basil veins, shell lines, tube lines, bow folds.
Straight stitch. 4 strands: tomato stars; 2 strands: tomato lights, bow zigzag.
Whipped back stitch. 3 strands: vine; 2 strands: tendrils.

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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

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

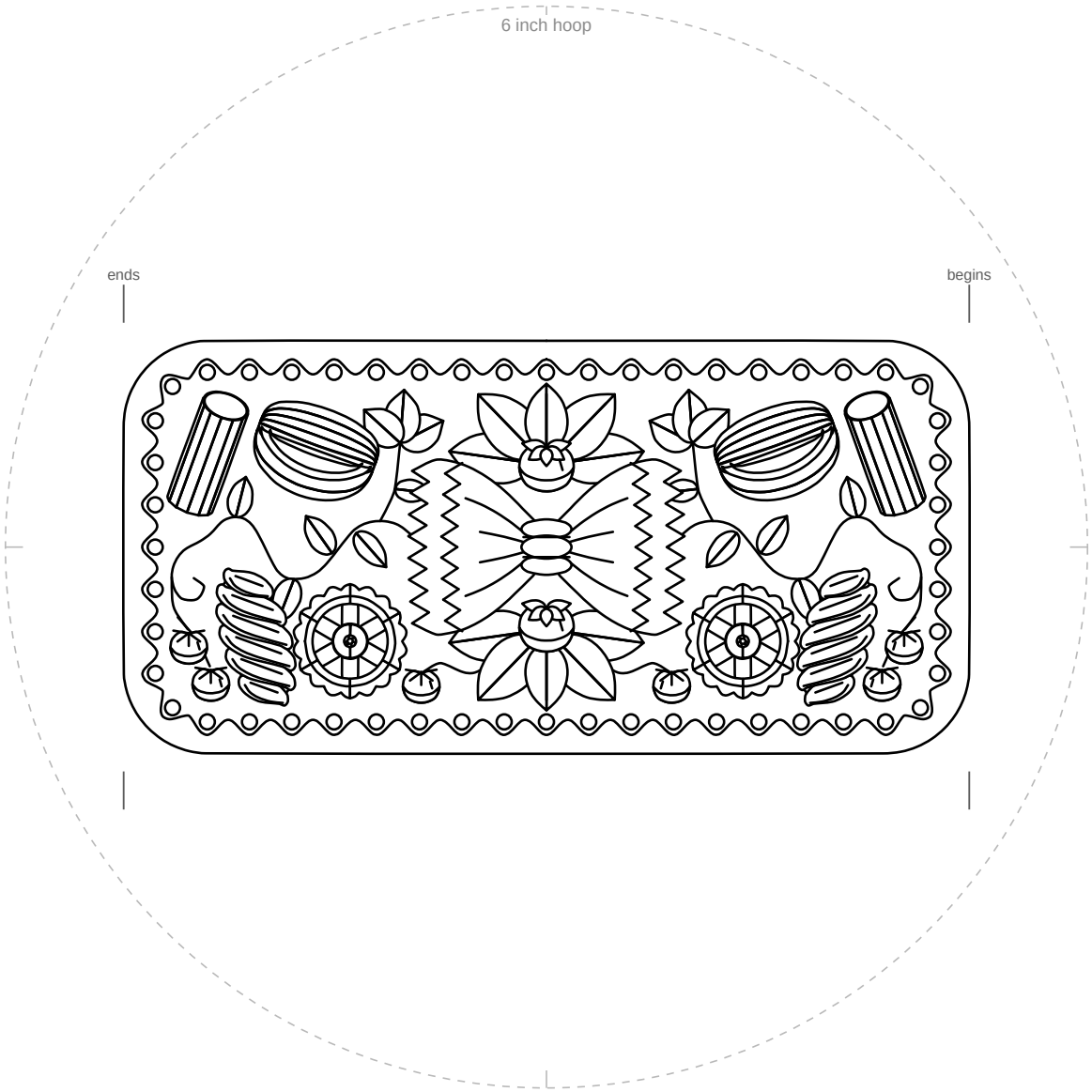
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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