Easy pickleball paddles and dill pickles

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.6 in (10.7 × 11.7 cm).



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

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Pickles (middle), dill leaves (darker), dill stems and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 726 Light Topaz**
  Ball, dill flower knots, ball edge and collars
- **3 DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green**
  Pickles (light), dill leaves (lighter), pickle chip and pickle chip center
- **4 DMC 351 Coral**
  Coral paddle face (darker)
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Grips, aqua paddle face and coral paddle face (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **6 DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Aqua paddle face (darker)
- **7 DMC 987 Dark Forest Green**
  Pickles (dark), pickle edges, pickle chip rind (darker)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Coral paddle face, grips, collars, aqua paddle face, pickle chip, pickle chip seeds, ball



2. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Dill flower rays, dill stems, pickles, pickle edges, pickle chip rind, ball edge

3. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Dill leaves

4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Dill leaves



5. **Split stitch**, 4 strands
   Coral paddle rim, aqua paddle rim

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Dill flower knots, pickle bumps, pickle chip center



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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.

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 ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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

Stem stitch. 4 or 5 strands: pickle chip rind; 3 or 4 strands: dill stems; 3 strands: pickles, ball edge; 2 strands: dill flower rays, pickle edges.

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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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6 inch hoop

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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