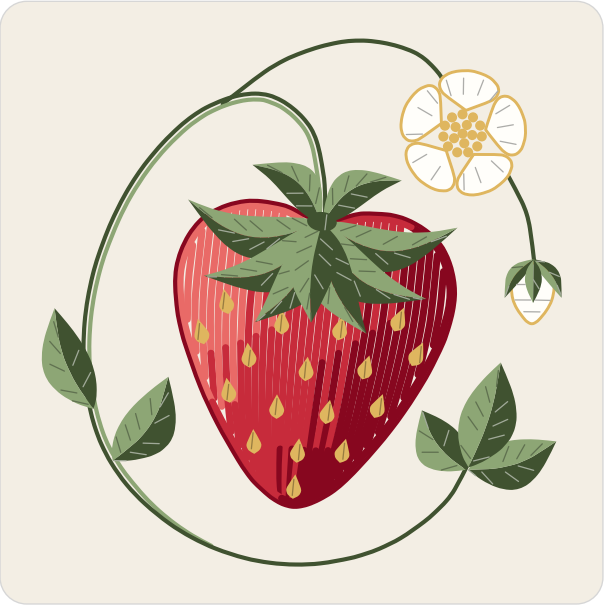
Ripe strawberry in its own vine

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 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 986 Very Dark Forest Green**
  Leaf crown, leaves and stalk (darker), bud (dark)
- **2 DMC 989 Forest Green**
  Leaf crown, leaves and stalk (lighter), bud (middle)
- **3 DMC BLANC White**
  Blossom petals, bud (light)
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Seeds, blossom edge and blossom center
- **5 DMC 351 Coral**
  Berry (light)
- **6 DMC 321 Red**
  Berry (middle)
- **7 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Berry (dark), berry edge

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, bud, leaf crown
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud, seeds, leaf crown, blossom petals
3. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Stalk, berry edge
4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Blossom edge
5. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Berry
6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Blossom center

What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

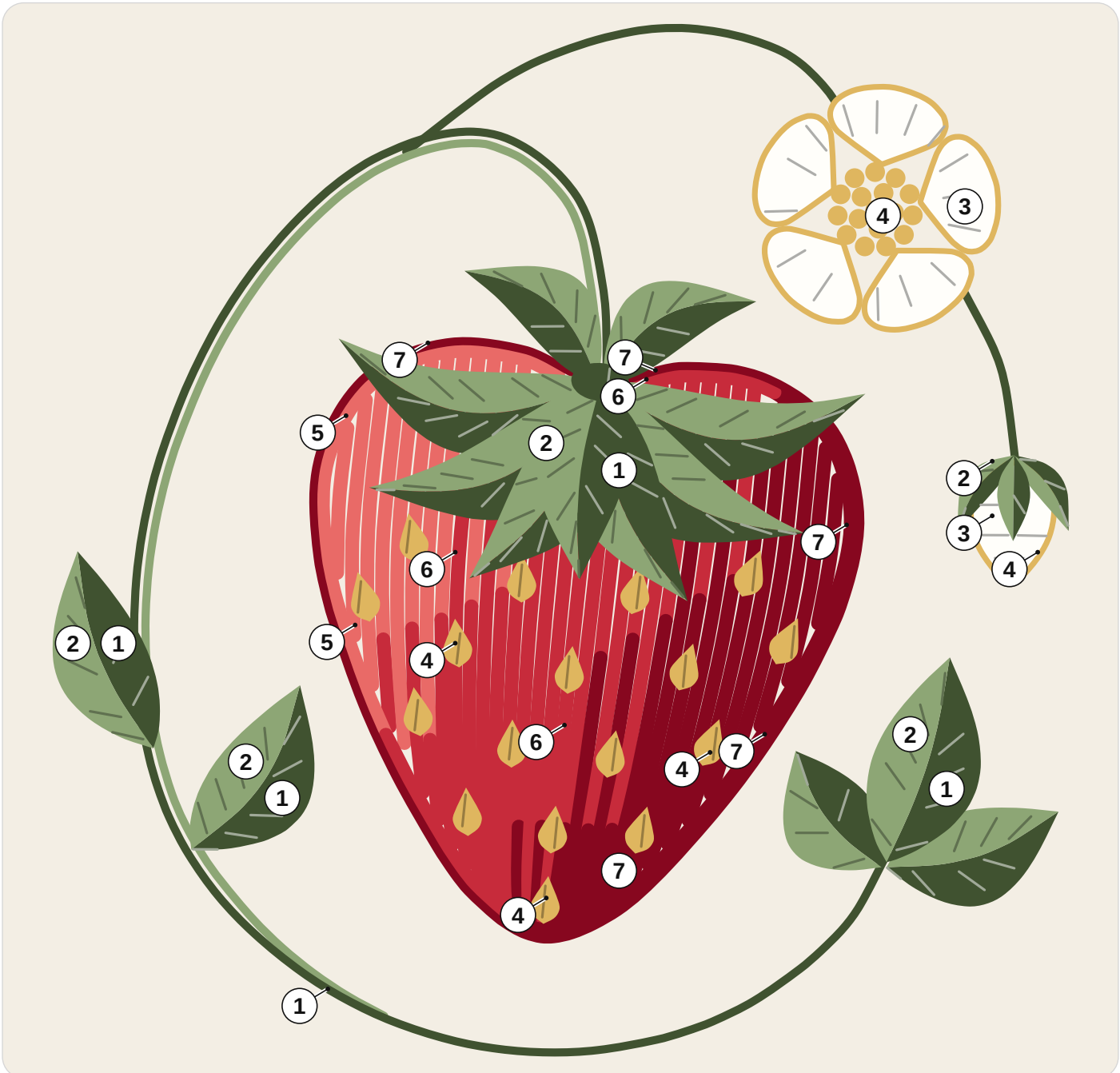
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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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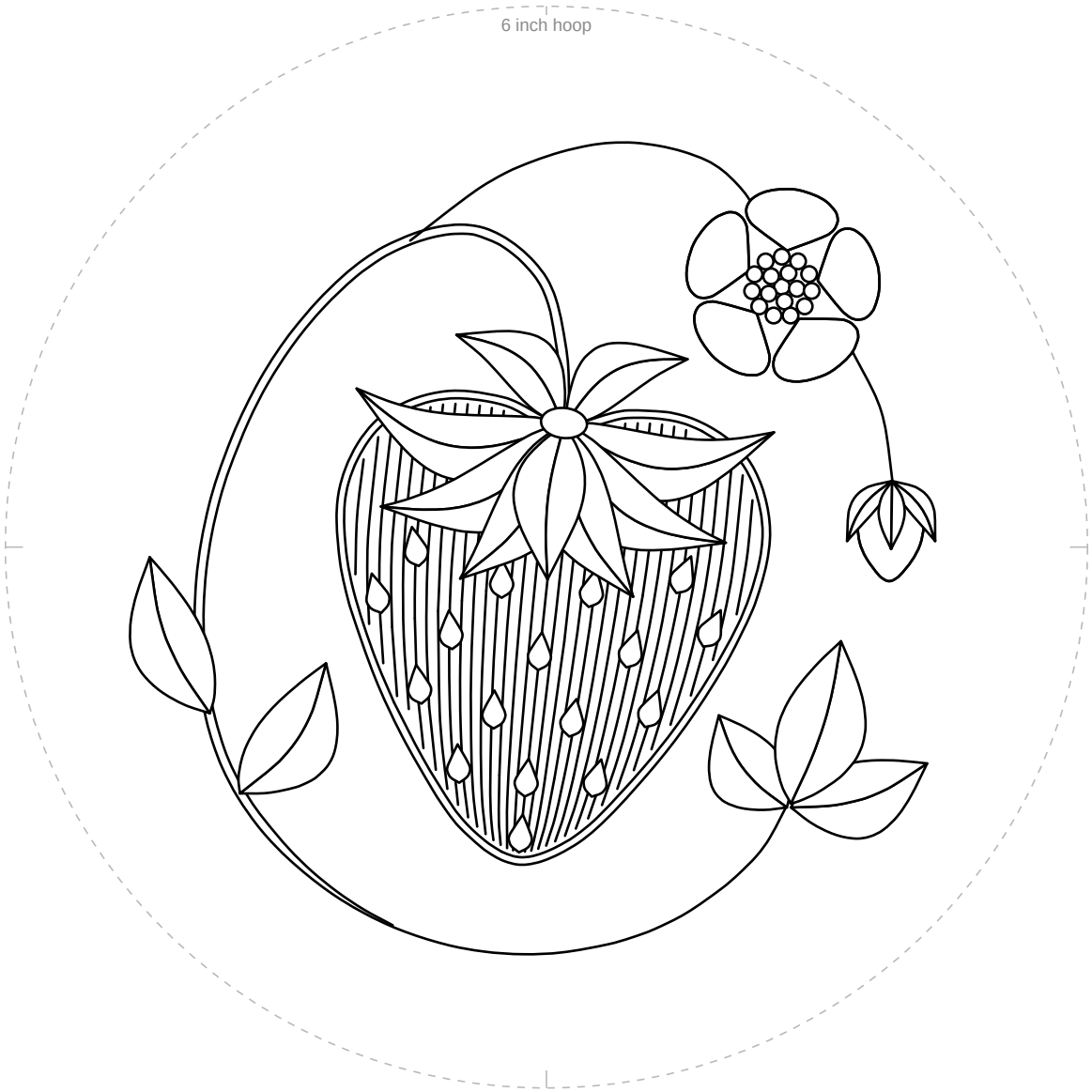

1 in
25.4 mm

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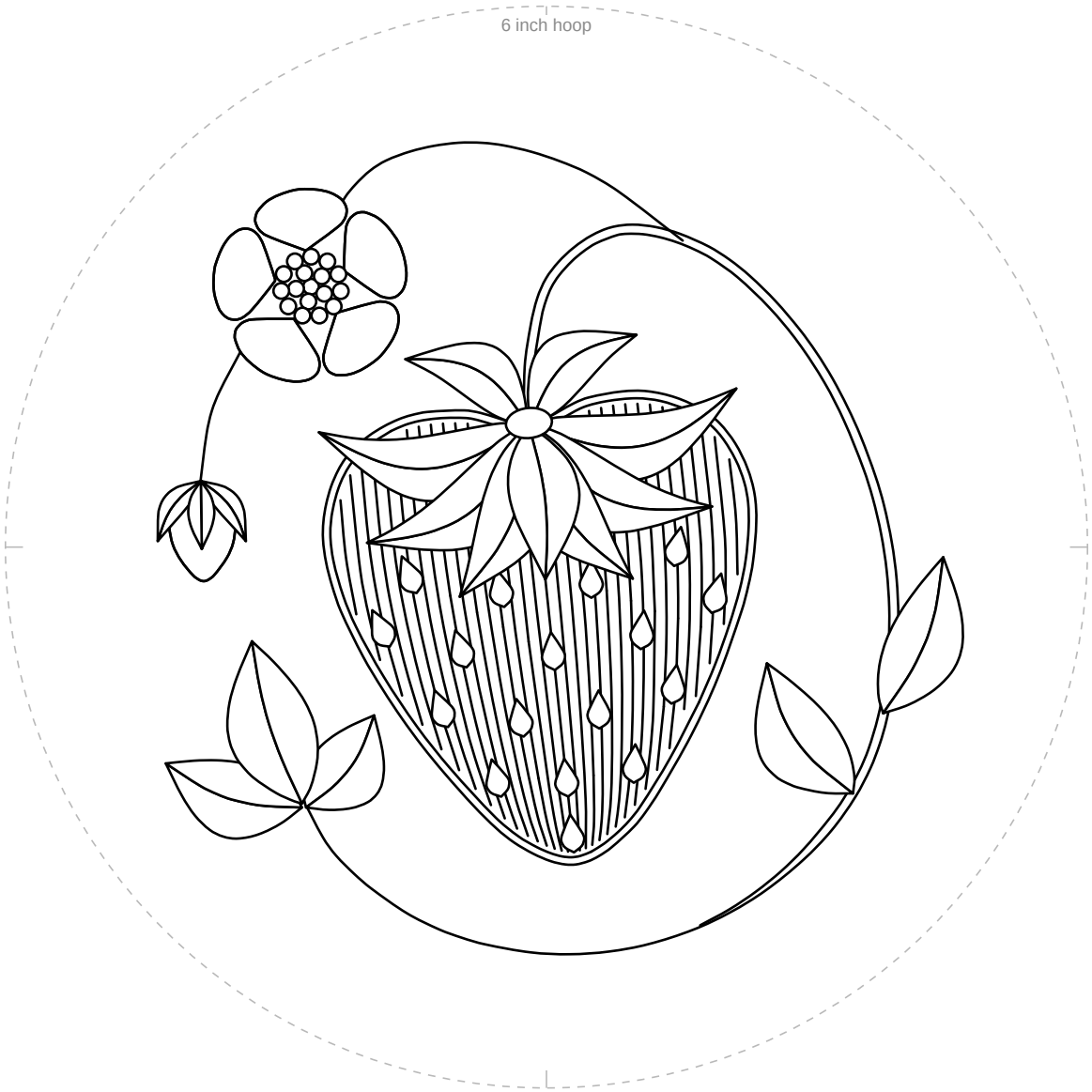
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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