Small easy tomato (whole and half)

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.5 × 3.9 in (8.9 × 9.9 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 815 Medium Garnet**
  Whole tomato (darkest), creases (darker), half skin (dark)
- **2 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Seed pockets, whole tomato (dark), half skin (middle), creases (lighter)
- **3 DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red**
  Whole tomato and half skin (light), half rim
- **4 DMC 3340 Medium Apricot**
  Half flesh and pocket edges, whole tomato (lightest), flower cone (darker)
- **5 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Flower, seeds and core
- **6 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Leaves, calyx and flower cone (lighter), cut end of the vine
- **7 DMC 904 Very Dark Parrot Green**
  Calyx and leaves (darker), vine, leaf veins, flower stalk and leaf stalk

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Core, leaves, vine, calyx, cut end of the vine, flower, flower cone
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Calyx
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Whole tomato, creases, half skin, half flesh, seed pockets, pocket edges, half rim, leaf veins, leaves
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Seeds
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf stalk, flower stalk
6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Seeds
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Flower cone

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How to read it

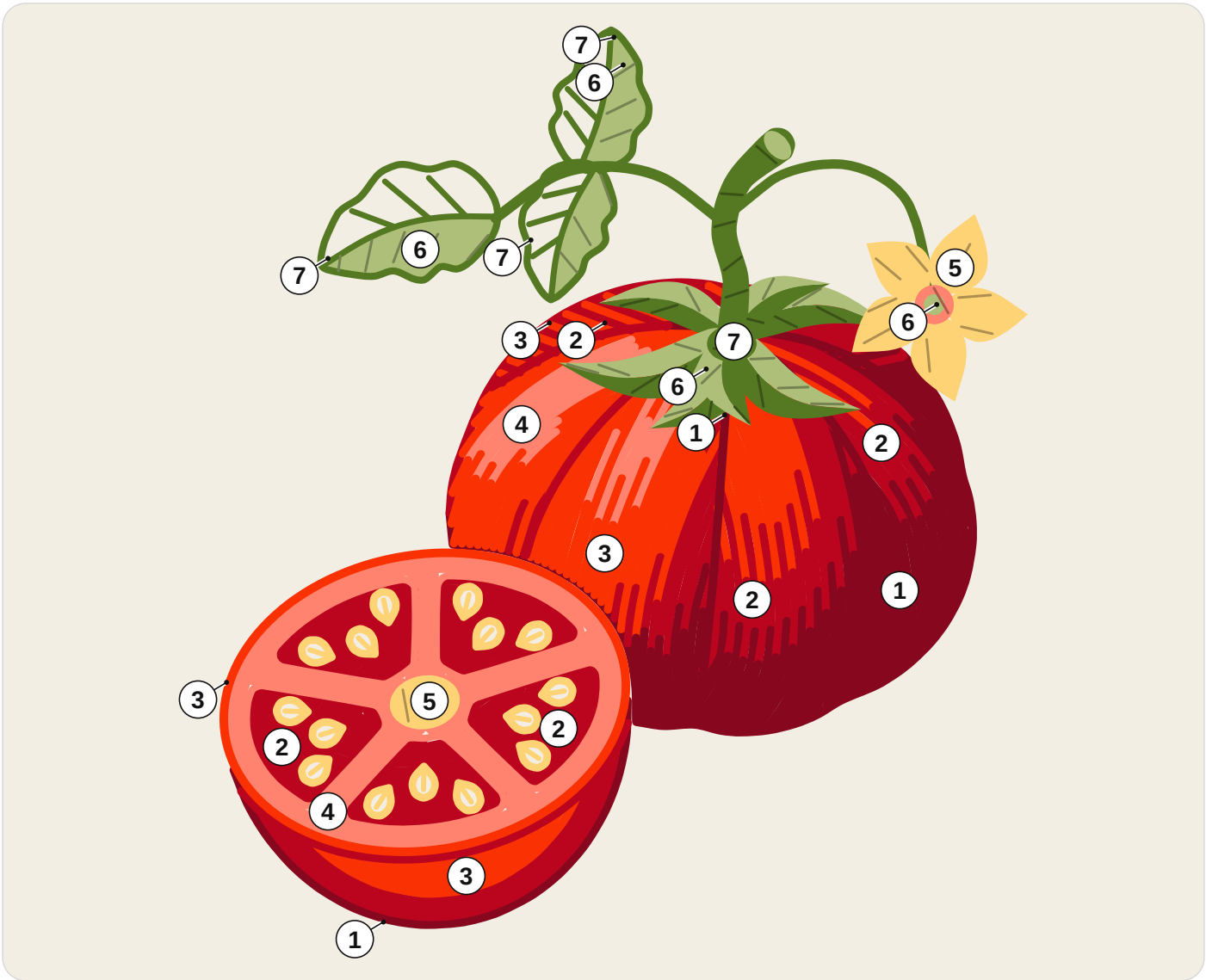
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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

Satin stitch. 3 strands: vine, calyx, cut end of the vine; 2 strands: core, leaves, flower, flower cone.
Split stitch. 6 strands: whole tomato, creases, half skin, half flesh, seed pockets, half rim; 4 strands: pocket edges; 3 or 4 strands: leaves; 2 strands: leaf veins.
Stem stitch. 5 strands: leaf stalk; 4 strands: flower stalk.

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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

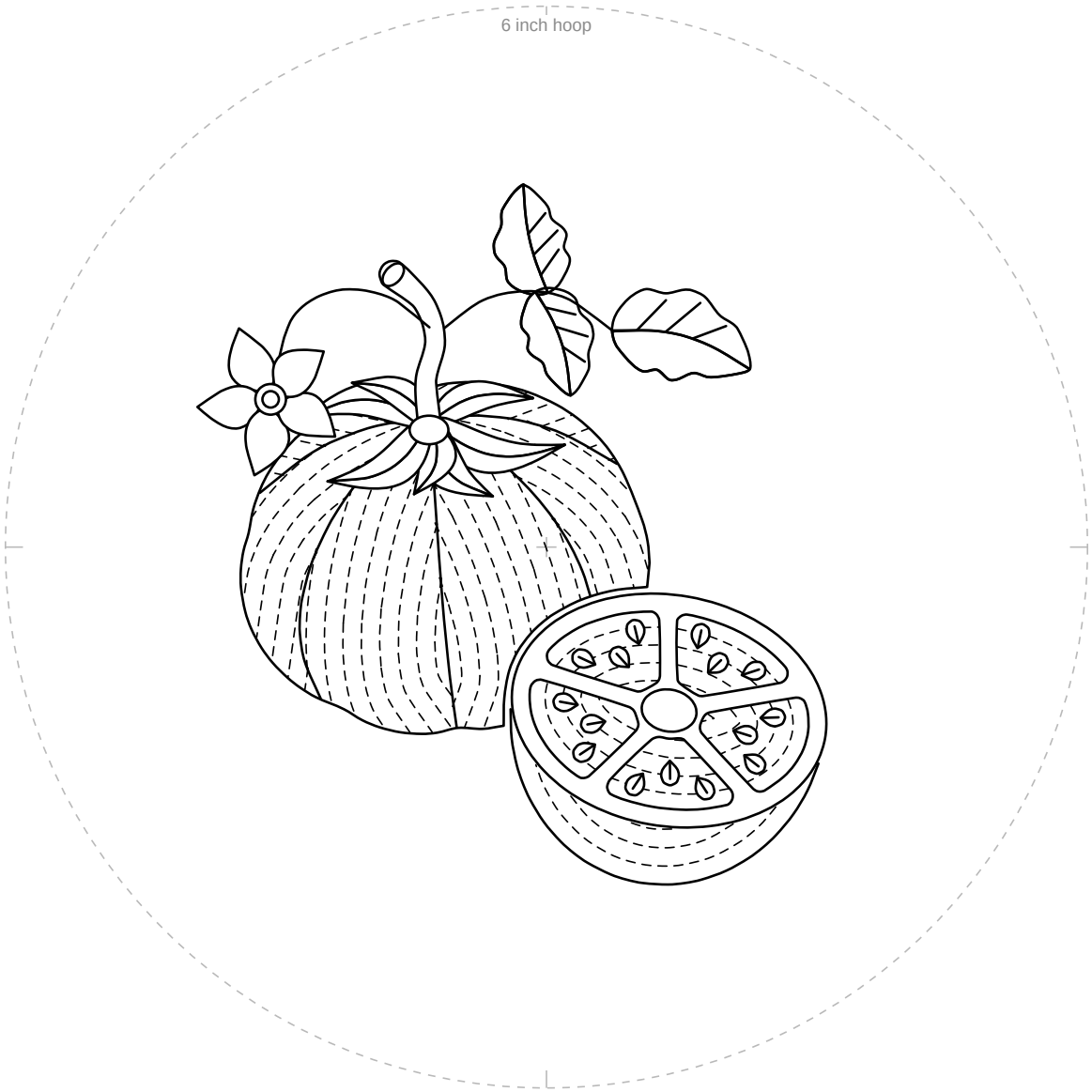
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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