Summertime garden flag with watermelon

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.6 × 3.8 in (9.1 × 9.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Flag rod, finials, sleeve, stems, flower hearts, green cups, wing tips, butterfly wings, wing spots, butterfly body, dark rind, and 4 more
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Scallop border, flesh, seeds
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, bud petals
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Outer petals, middle petals, orange petals, small zinnia
5. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Sleeve seam
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Flag edge, feelers, flesh edge, ant legs
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Cup scales
8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Seed lights
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Inner petals
10. **French knot**
    strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Border knots, flower hearts, wing dots

Floss

- **1 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Flag rod, wing tips, seeds, ant legs and ants, flower hearts (darkest) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 726 Light Topaz**
  Border knots, inner petals and sleeve seam, flower hearts (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Scallop border
- **4 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise** Sleeve and flag edge
- **5 DMC 987 Dark Forest Green** Dark rind and stems, leaves (darker)
- **6 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green** Leaves (lighter), green cups
- **7 DMC 915 Dark Plum** Outer petals (dark)
- **8 DMC 718 Plum** Outer petals (middle)
- **9 DMC 3607 Light Plum** Outer petals (light)
- **10 DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon**
  Middle petals, small zinnia and flesh (dark), bud petals (darker)
- **11 DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Flesh, small zinnia and middle petals (middle), bud petals (lighter), crumbs
- **12 DMC 3706 Medium Melon** Flesh, middle petals and small zinnia (light)
- **13 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Orange petals and flower hearts (light), butterfly wings (dark)
- **14 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green** Rind stripes and cup scales
- **15 DMC 740 Tangerine** Orange petals and flower hearts (dark)
- **16 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Orange petals (lightest), butterfly wings (middle)
- **17 DMC 920 Medium Copper** Orange petals (darkest), wing spots
- **18 DMC BLANC White** Seed lights and wing dots
- **19 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Pale rind
- **20 DMC 3708 Light Melon** Flesh (lightest)
- **21 DMC 321 Red** Flesh edge, flesh (darkest)

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.

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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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A dashed line is running stitch.

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

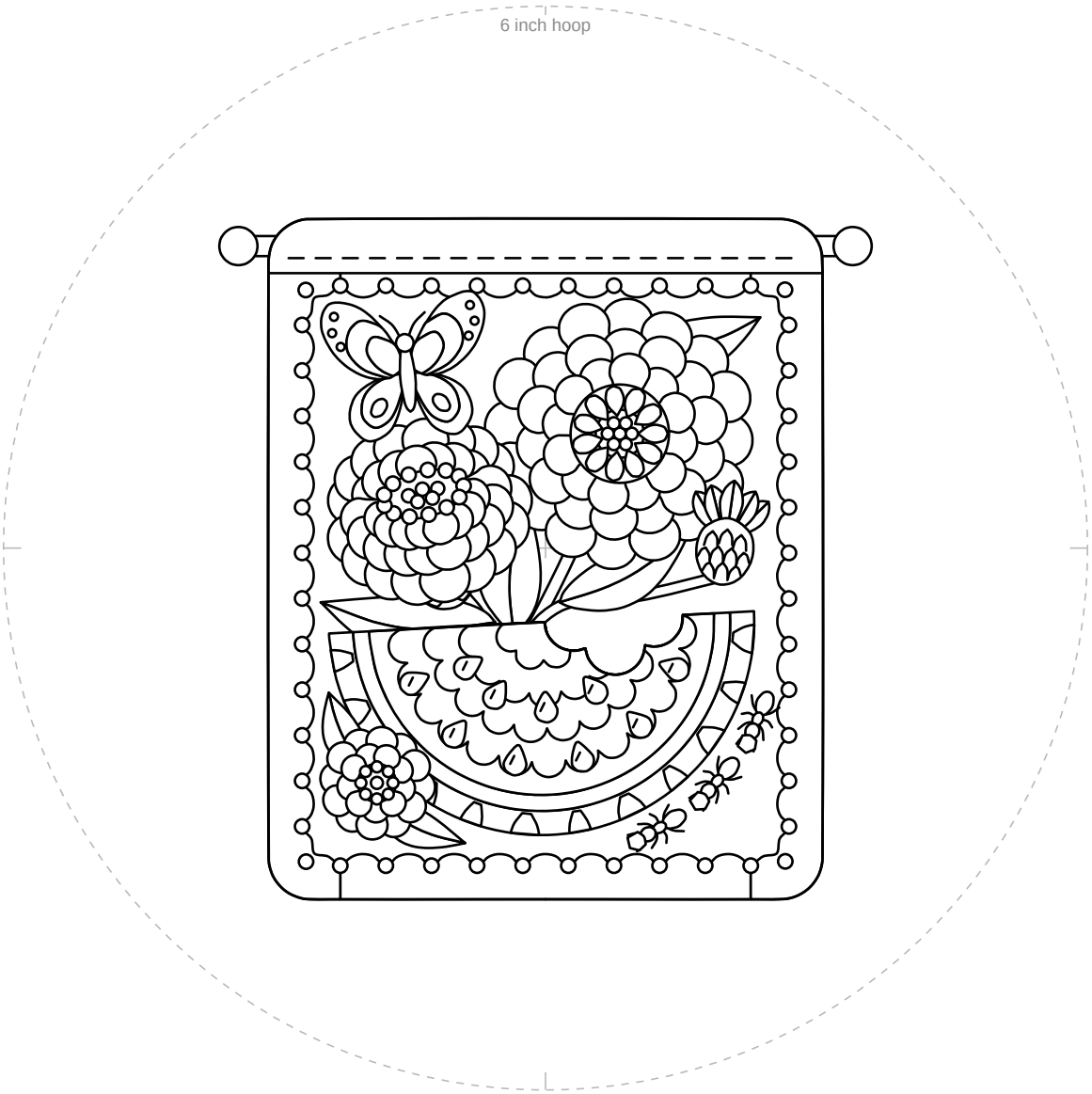
Stem stitch. 2 strands: flag edge, flesh edge; 1 strand: feelers, ant legs.
French knot. 2 strands: border knots; 1 or 2 strands: flower hearts; 1 strand: wing dots.

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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

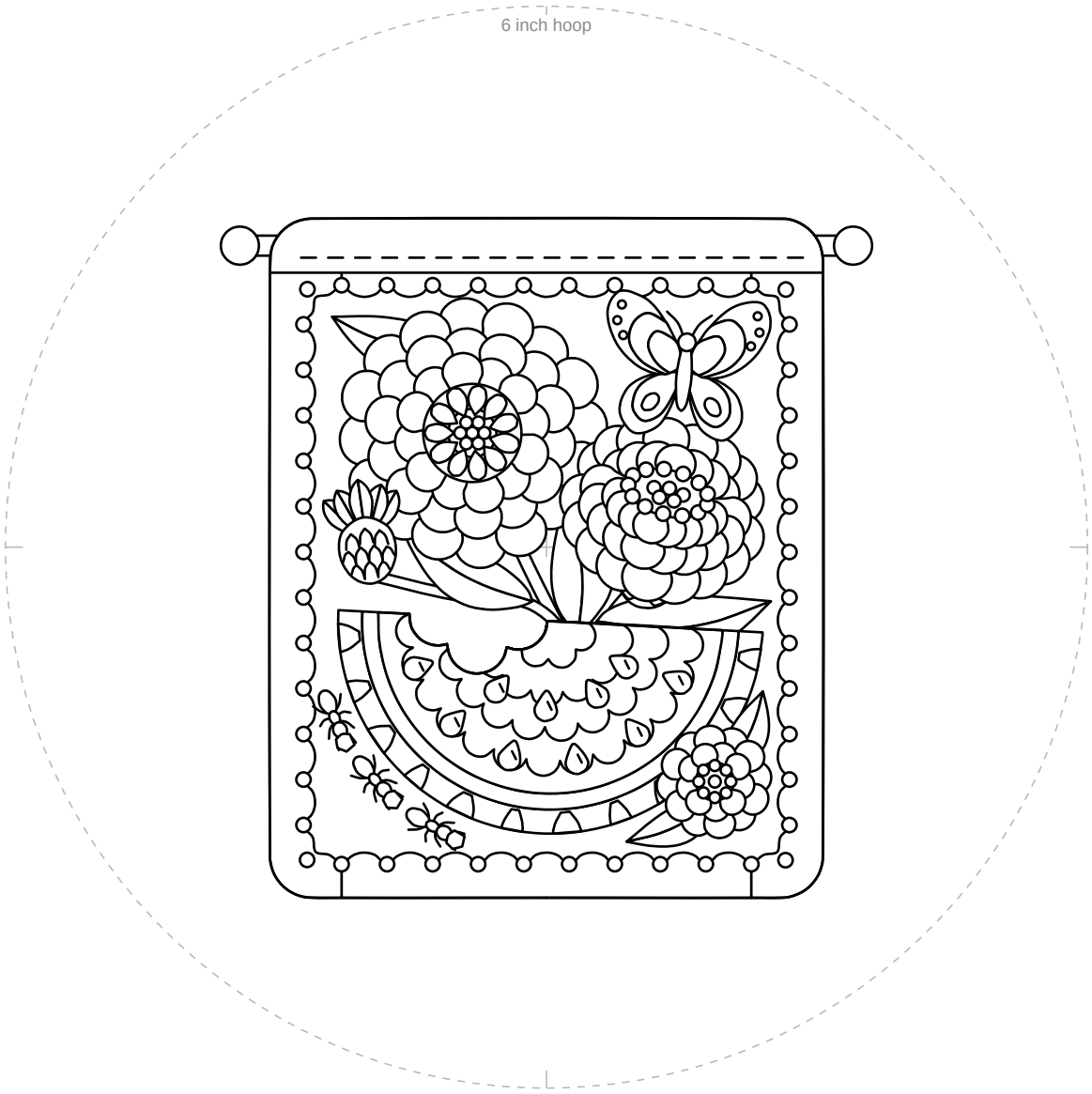
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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