Teapot potholder

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 4.1 in (8.9 × 10.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 7.

14 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14
   Hanging loop, quilt blocks, tablecloth, hem, checked binding, handle, spout, spout mouth, foot, body, daisy band, daisy petals, daisy centers, knob, lid, lid petals, steam, small heart, rust cup, cup band, cup dots, cup rims, tea, teal cup



2. **Running stitch**
   2 strands, color 4
   Quilting

3. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 7, 10, 13
   2 strands: binding edge, outline
   3 strands: tablecloth edge, inner border

4. **Chain stitch**
   3 strands, colors 7, 9
   Chain rows



5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, color 12
   Knob light



6. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 10
   Band leaves



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 5
   Quilting knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	6	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	11	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	7	DMC 920 Medium Copper	12	DMC 3822 Light Straw
3	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 597 Turquoise	9	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	14	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany
5	DMC 922 Light Copper	10	DMC 469 Avocado Green		

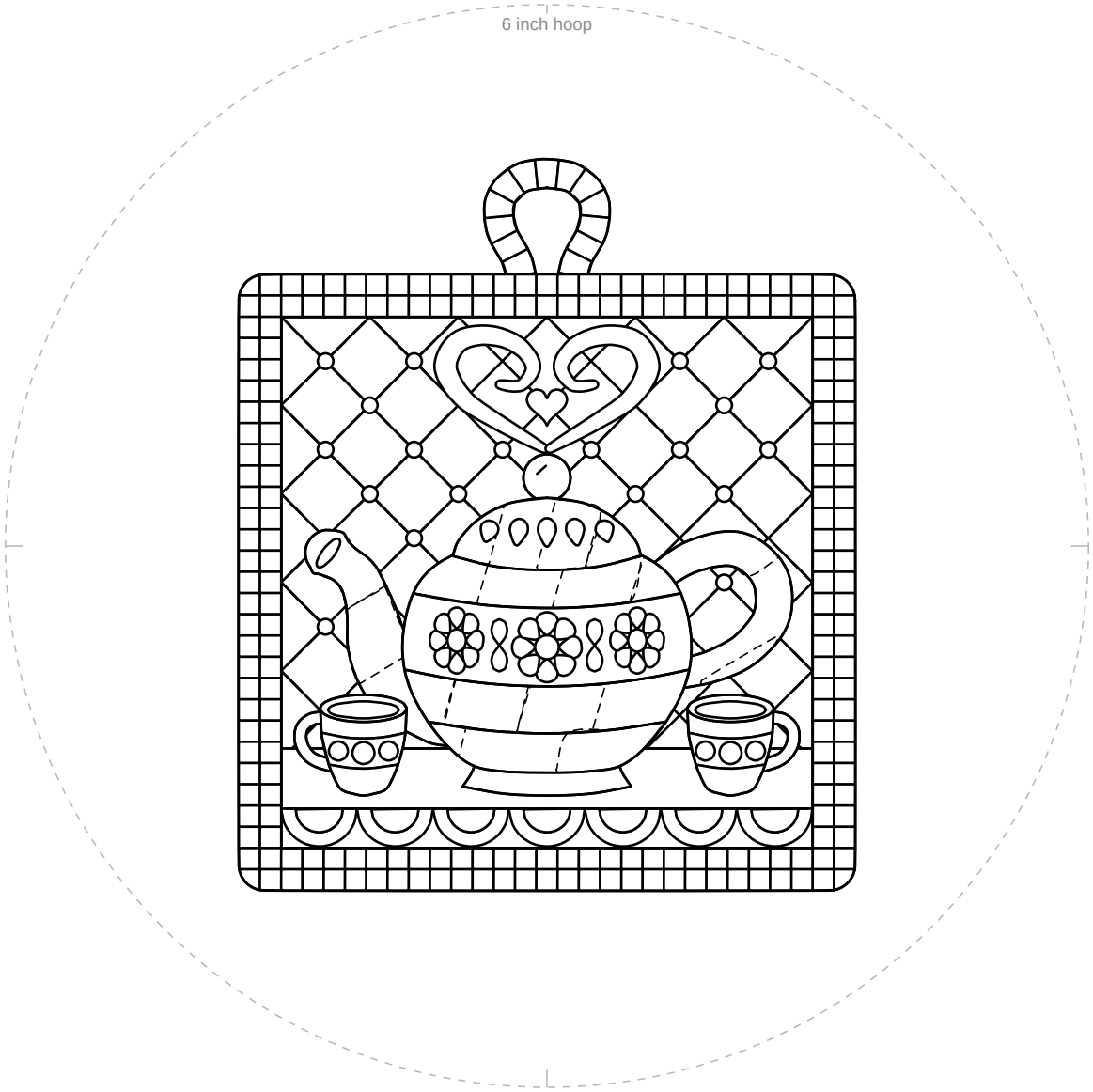
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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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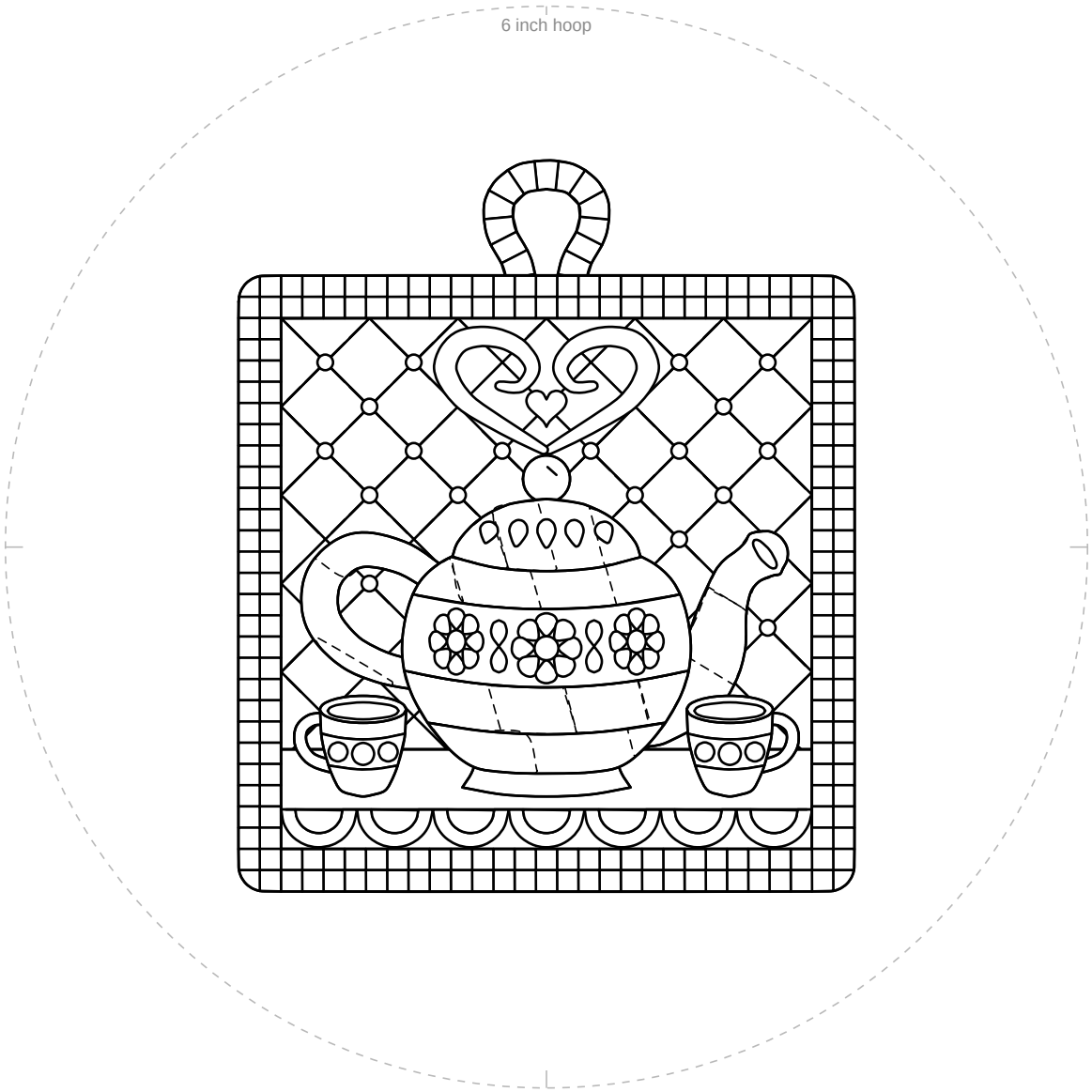
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