Tennis racket and ball

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 4.3 in (10.2 × 10.9 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Back petals, daisy petals, daisy cups, daisy hearts, throat wedge, whippings, grip binding, grip, collar, butt cap
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Throat bridge, inner frame, outer frame, ball
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stems, grip edge, ball seam
5. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Strings
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Frame line
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Blue spires, heart knots

Floss

- **1 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Stems and daisy cups, leaves (darker)
- **2 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Back petals and blue spires
- **3 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Leaves (lighter)
- **4 DMC BLANC White** Daisy petals
- **5 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Daisy hearts, heart knots (darker)
- **6 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Heart knots (lighter)
- **7 DMC 712 Cream** Strings and ball seam
- **8 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Throat wedge, frame line and grip edge, outer frame (dark)
- **9 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Inner frame and throat bridge (middle)
- **10 DMC 436 Tan** Throat bridge and inner frame (dark)
- **11 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Inner frame and throat bridge (light), grip binding
- **12 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany**
  Outer frame (light)
- **13 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Grip, outer frame (middle)
- **14 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Whippings, butt cap and collar
- **15 DMC 165 Very Light Moss Green**
  Ball (lightest)
- **16 DMC 580 Dark Moss Green** Ball (darkest)
- **17 DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green**
  Ball (dark)
- **18 DMC 3819 Light Moss Green** Ball (light)

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.

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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.

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. 6 strands: ball seam; 2 or 3 strands: stems; 2 strands: grip edge.

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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

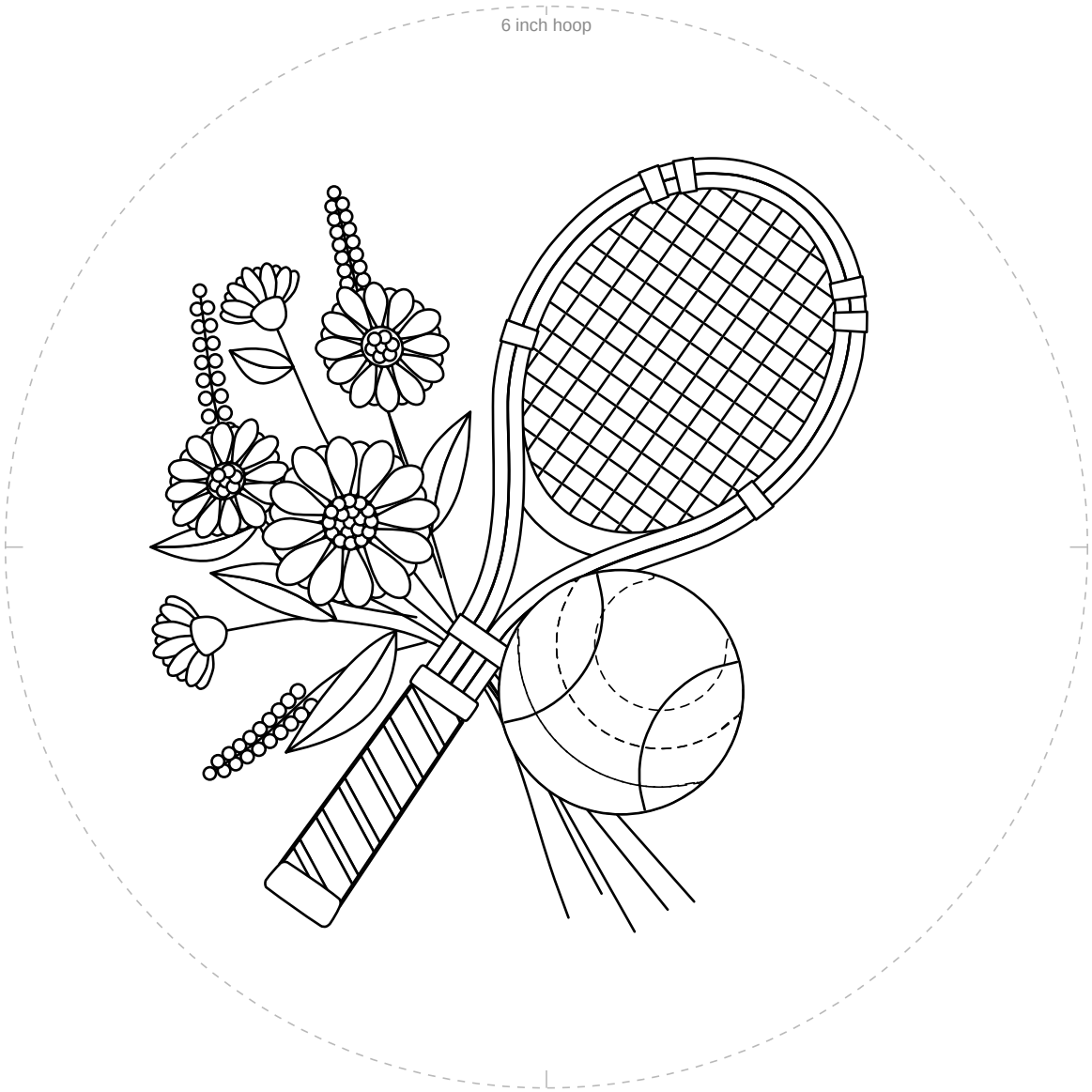
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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