Three herb pots on a shelf

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 3.6 in (9.7 × 9.1 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.

5 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
   Herb leaves (each half slanted to the center vein, in its own color), rims of the pots, flower pots, shelf, edging of the shelf



Stitch in this order, continued

2. **Stem stitch**
   2 or 3 strands, color 1
   Stems of the herbs

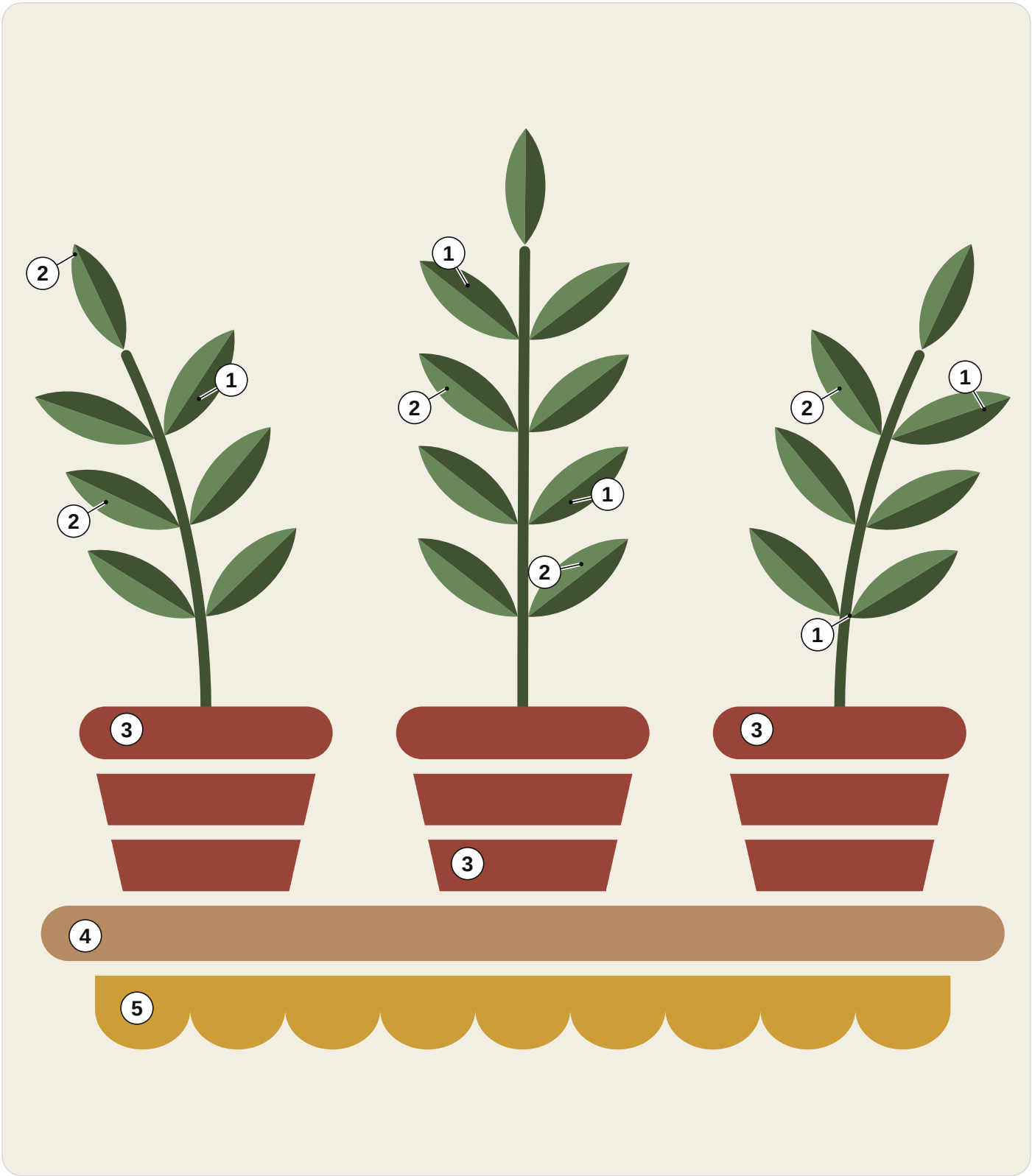
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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A number is a color of the list.



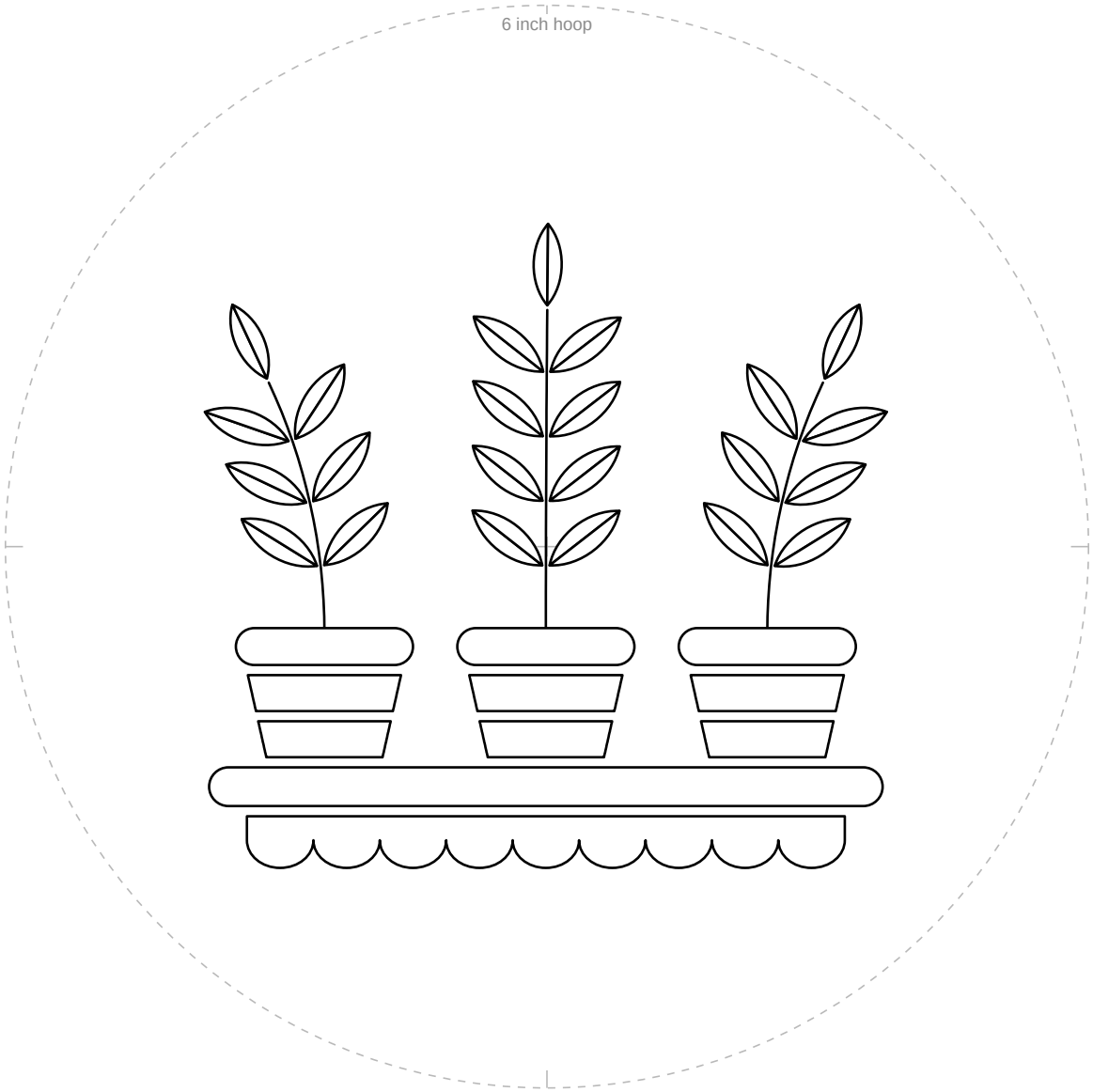
1 DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green
2 DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green
3 DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta
4 DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown
5 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw

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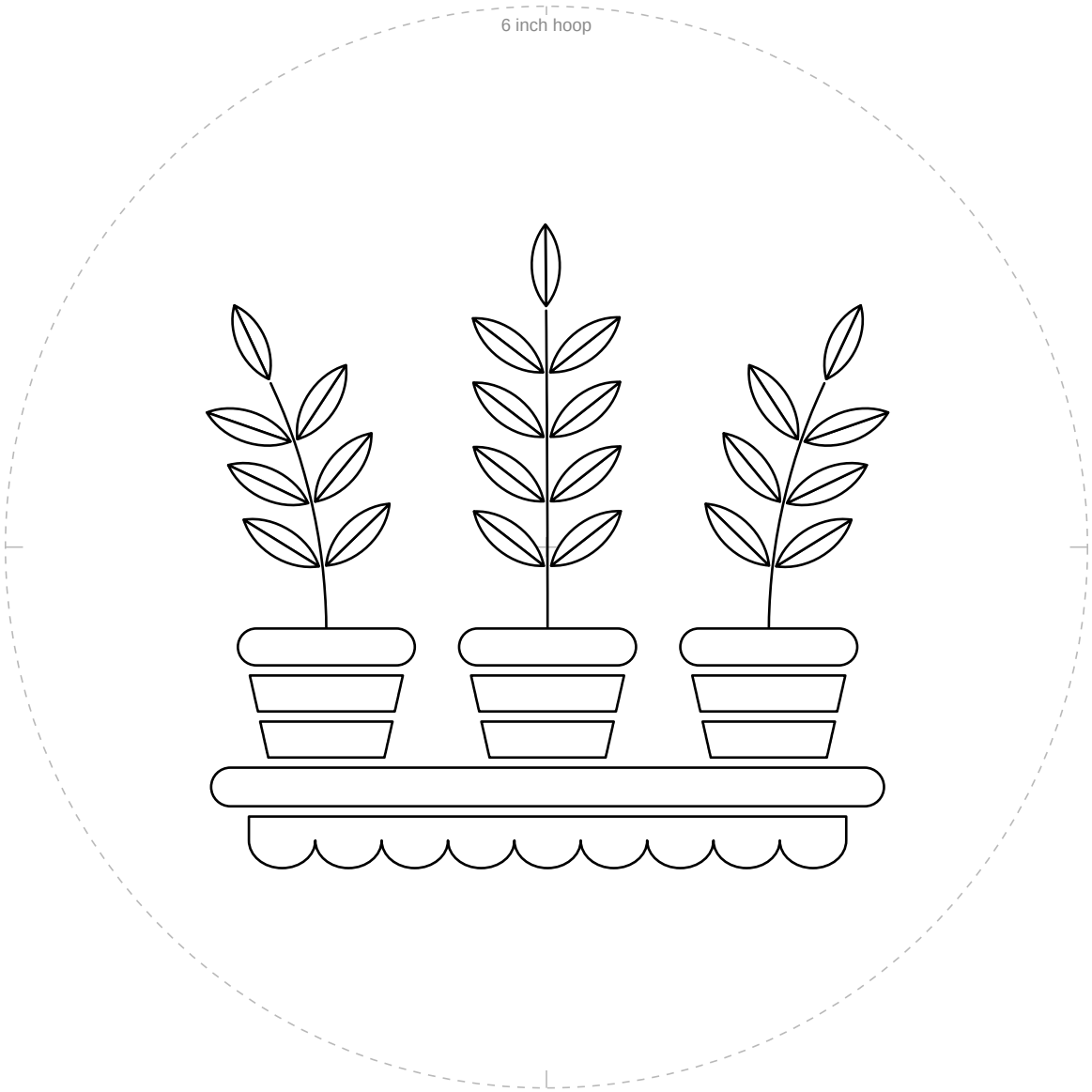
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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