Thyme sprig for a kitchen towel

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.2 × 4.6 in (8.1 × 11.7 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 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaf edges and leaves (middle)
- **2 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaf edges and leaves (dark)
- **3 DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown**
  Stems (darker)
- **4 DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige**
  Stems (lighter)
- **5 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green**
  Leaf edges and leaves (light)
- **6 DMC 554 Light Violet**
  Flowers and flower buds (light)
- **7 DMC 3835 Medium Grape**
  Flowers and flower buds (dark)
- **8 DMC 3836 Light Grape**
  Flowers and flower buds (middle)
- **9 DMC 3834 Dark Grape**
  Flower cups and flower throats
- **10 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Twine bow
- **11 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Light on the twine

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Leaves



2. **Satin stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Flowers, flower cups, twine bow



3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf edges

4. **Stem stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Stems, light on the twine

5. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Flower throats, flower buds



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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.

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.

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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4	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	**8**	DMC 3836 Light Grape		

How many strands

Satin stitch. 2 or 3 strands: twine bow; 2 strands: flowers, flower cups.
French knot. 2 strands: flower buds; 1 strand: flower throats.

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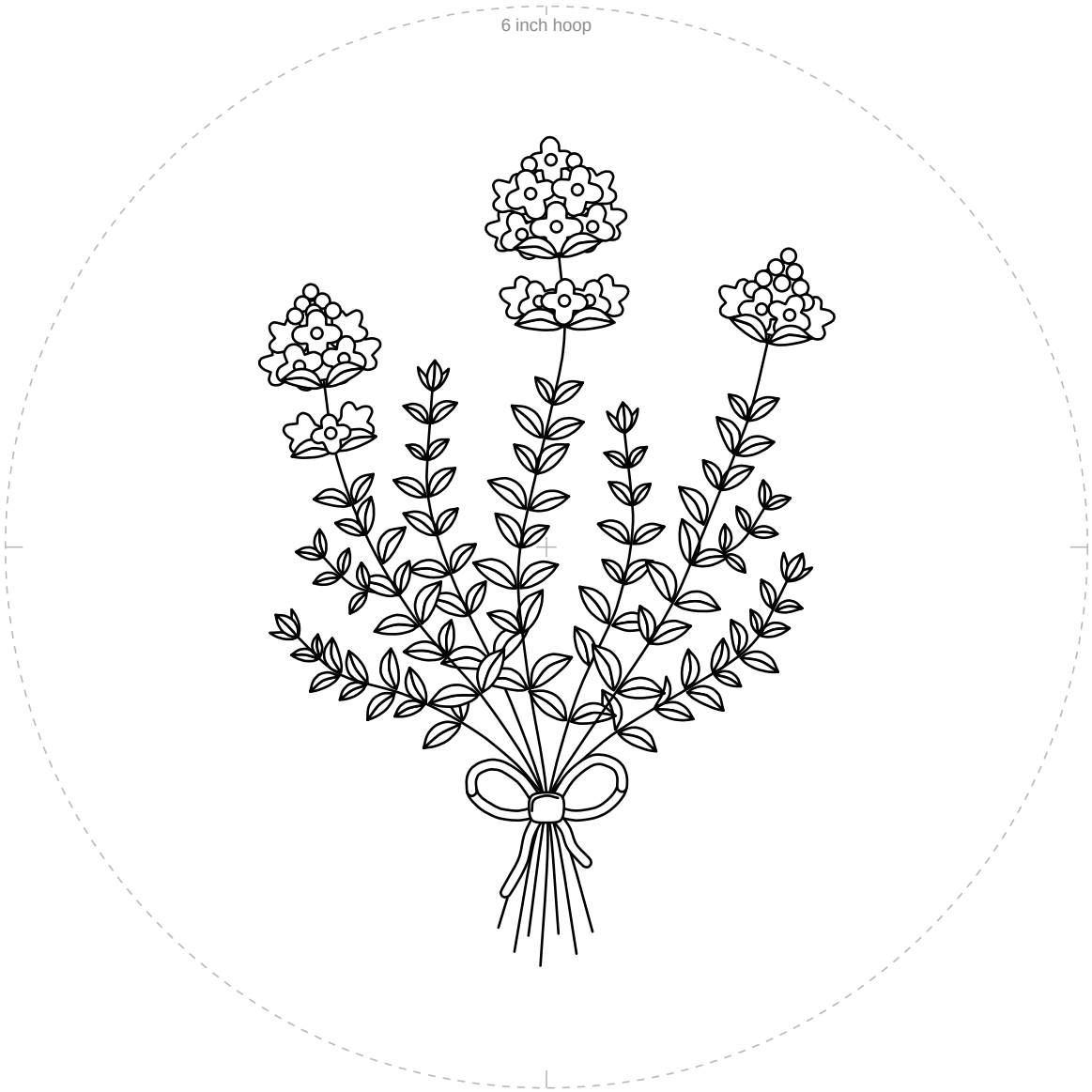
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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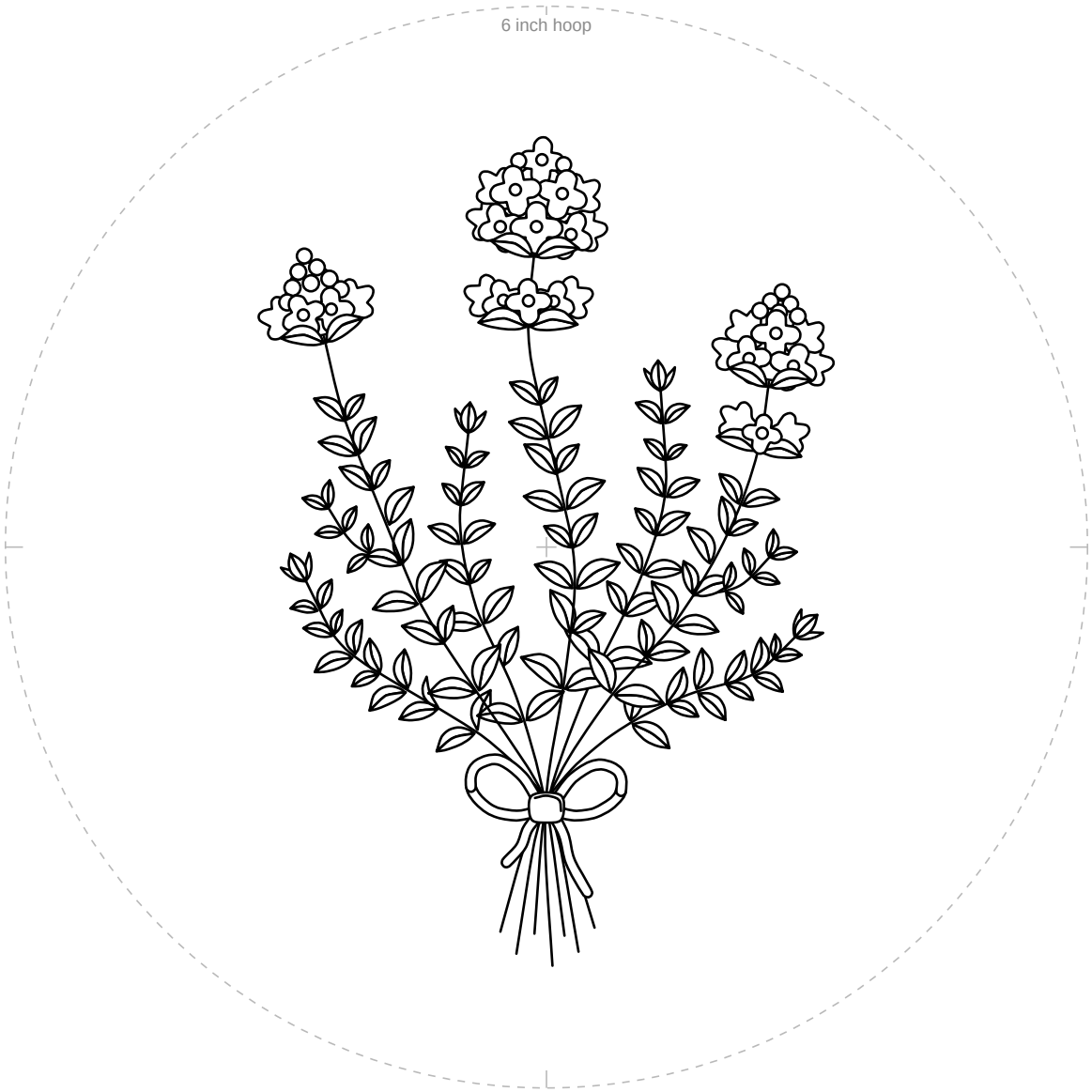
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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