Tic-tac-toe with bees and daisies

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.7 in (11.4 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, daisy petals behind, daisy centers, bee backs, sepals
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisy petals, bee heads, coral bud
3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Bee wings, bee stripes, bee bodies
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf stalks
5. **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
   Grid stems, antennae
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Bee legs, wing veins
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Wing edges
8. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Flight trail
9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Daisy centers, pollen
10. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
    Bee fur

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

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

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

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.

Buy: 13 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	**6**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**11**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
2	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	**7**	DMC 728 Topaz	**12**	DMC 434 Light Brown
3	DMC 469 Avocado Green	**8**	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	**13**	DMC 351 Coral
4	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	**9**	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown		
5	DMC BLANC White	**10**	DMC 712 Cream		

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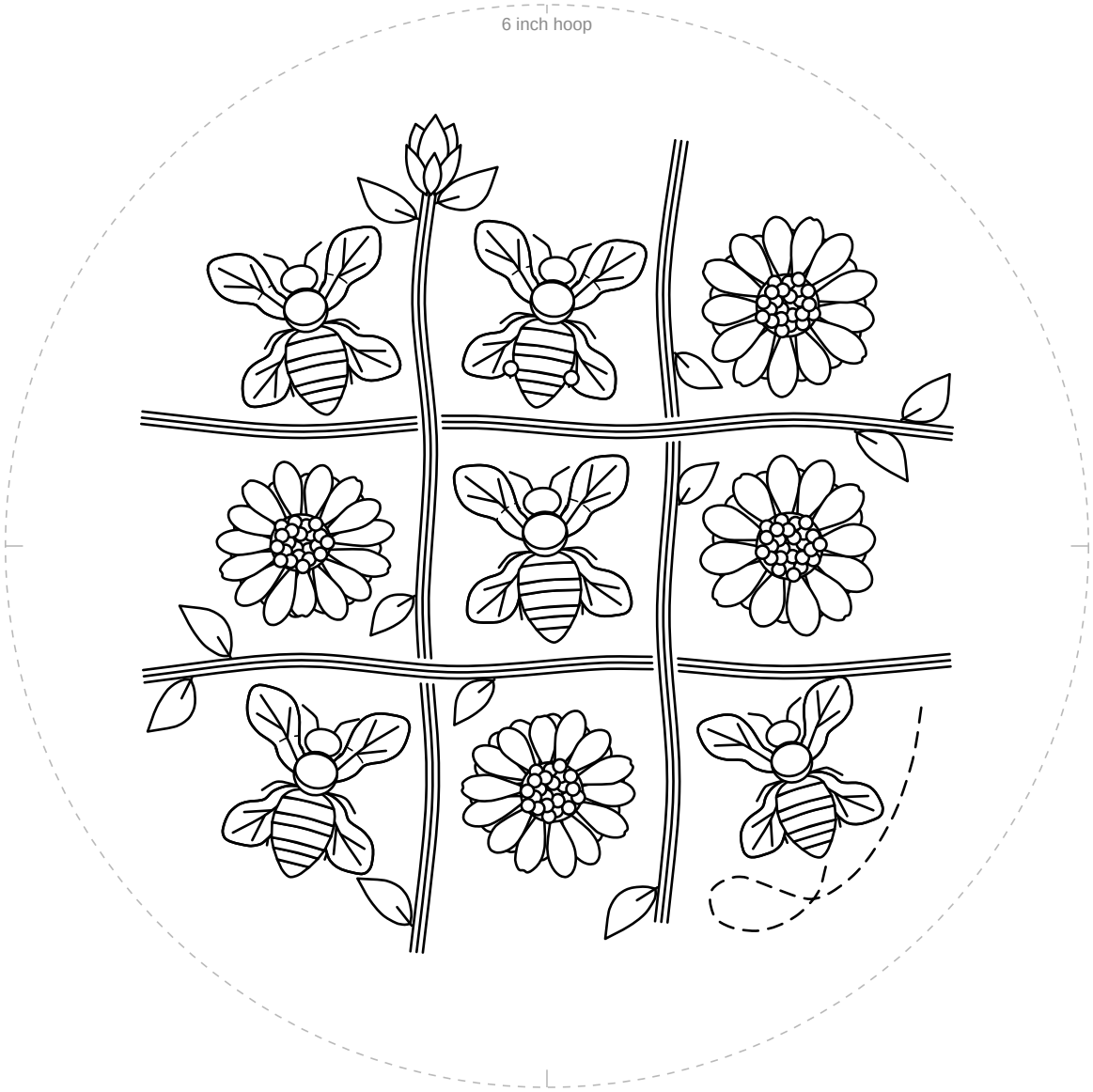
6 inch hoop

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 dashed line is running stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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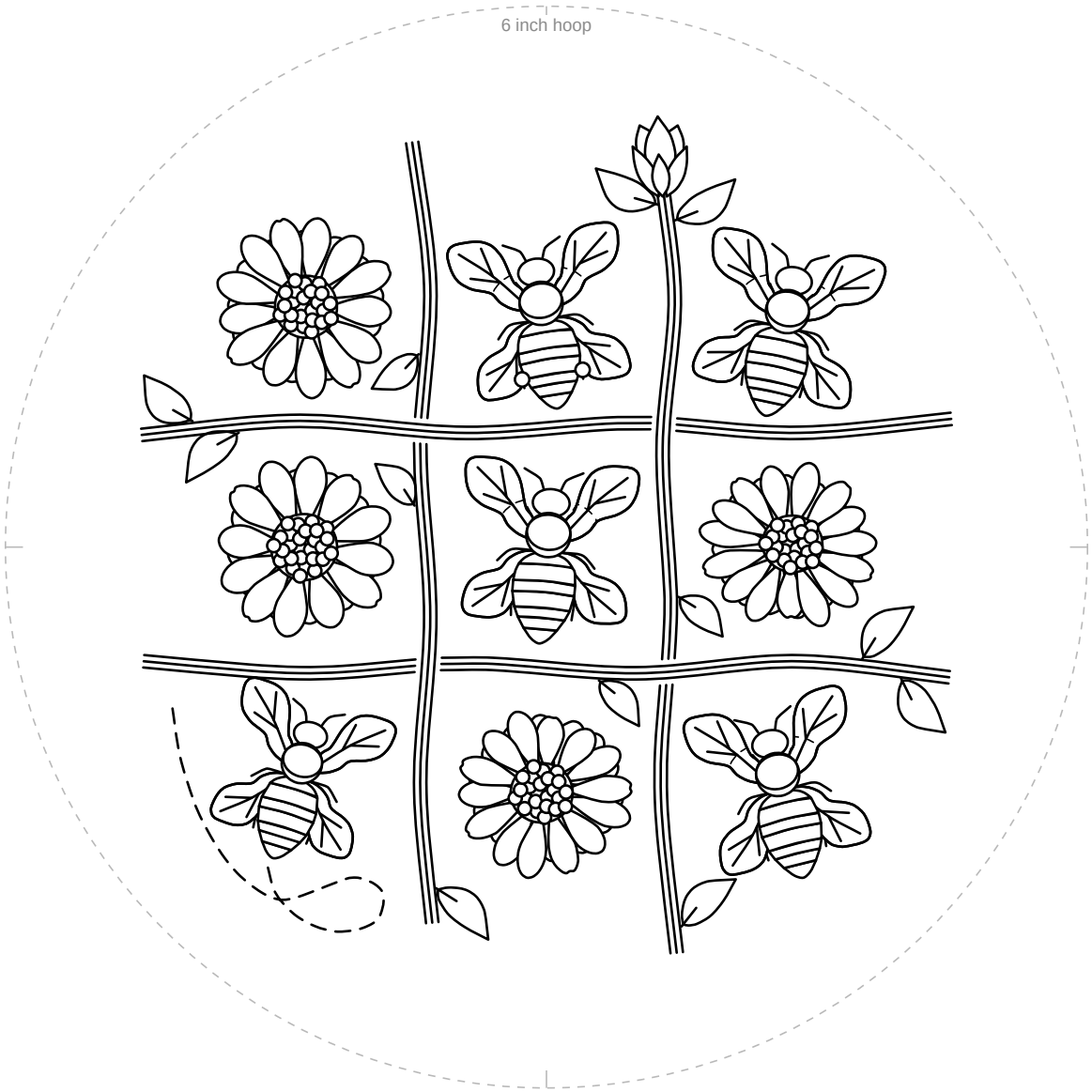
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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