Tomato plant in a clay pot

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.5 in (9.7 × 11.4 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 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaf outlines, leaf veins and sepals, filled leaf halves (darker) and 5 more parts
- **2 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Filled leaf halves (lighter), green tomatoes
- **3 DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige**
  Cane and ground
- **4 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Pot (darker), pot edge and cane rings
- **5 DMC 922 Light Copper**
  Pot (lighter), flower hearts
- **6 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Ripe tomatoes
- **7 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Twine bow and twine
- **8 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Flowers

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Filled leaf halves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Green tomatoes, cane, main stem, ripe tomatoes, flowers
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf stalks, leaf veins, fruit stalks, pot, pot edge, twine bow, flower stalks
4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf outlines, ground
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, sepals, cane rings, twine
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Green tomato edges
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Twine bow
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Flower hearts

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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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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

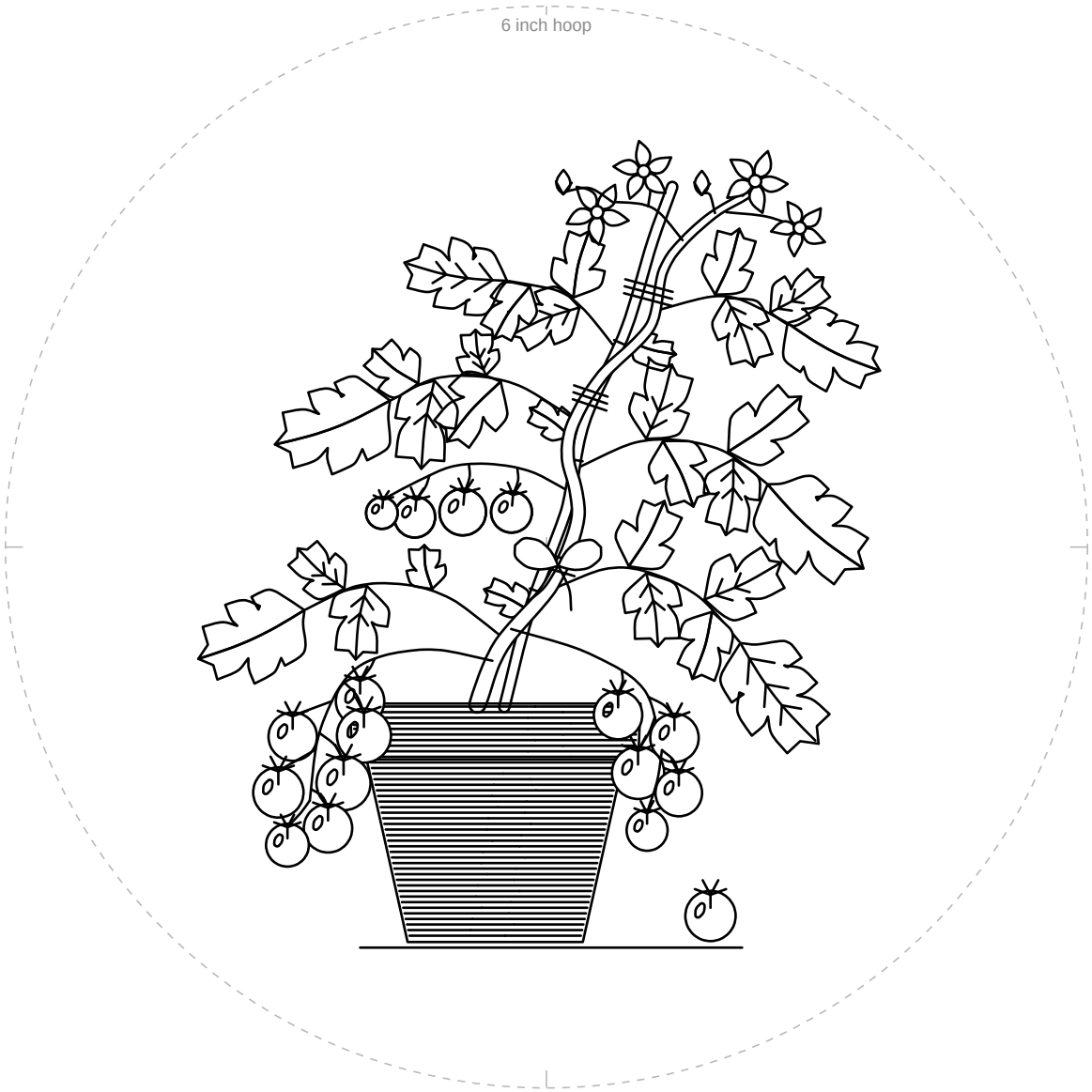
Stem stitch. 3 strands: leaf stalks, pot; 2 or 3 strands: fruit stalks, pot edge; 2 strands: twine bow, flower stalks; 1 or 2 strands: leaf veins.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: twine; 2 strands: sepals, cane rings; 1 strand: leaf veins.

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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

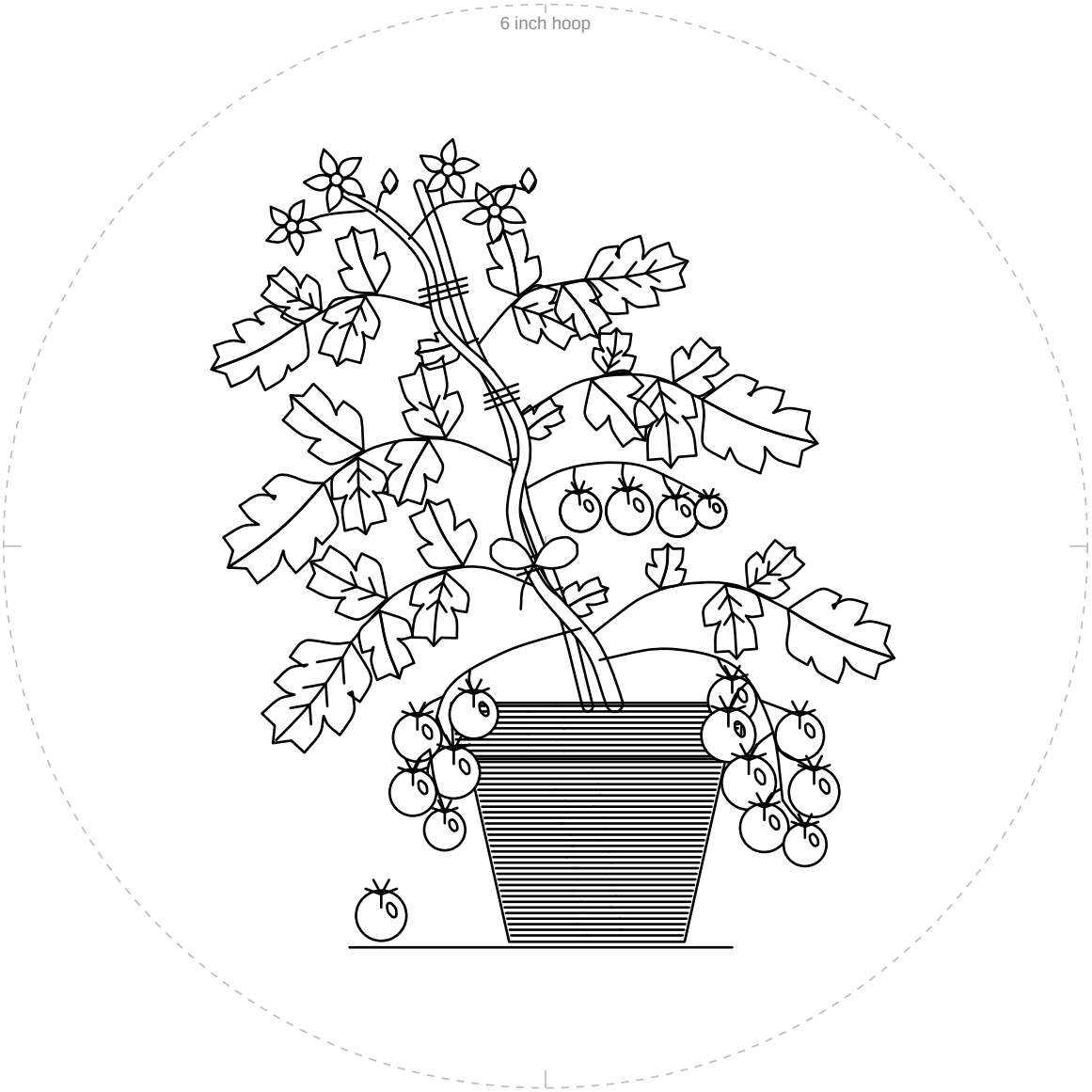
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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