Vintage tennis racket with roses

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.7 × 4.4 in (9.4 × 11.2 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, rose stem, rose buds, throat, frame, rose petals, tennis ball
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sepals, rose hips, grip, grip collar, butt band
3. **Trellis stitch**, 3 strands
   Strings
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf stalks, rose stem, ball seam
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, grain, frame edge, grip wraps, petal edges
6. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Strings

Floss

- **1 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaves and sepals (middle), rose stem (darker), leaf stalks and rose hips
- **2 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaves and sepals (dark), leaf veins (darker)
- **3 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves and sepals (light), leaf veins and rose stem (lighter)
- **4 DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink**
  Rose petals and rose buds (light)
- **5 DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink**
  Rose petals and rose buds (darkest), grip (light), petal edges (dark)
- **6 DMC 223 Light Shell Pink**
  Rose petals and rose buds (dark), petal edges (middle)
- **7 DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink**
  Rose petals and rose buds (middle), petal edges (light)
- **8 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink**
  Rose petals and rose buds (lightest)
- **9 DMC 712 Cream** Strings, ball seam and butt band
- **10 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Throat (dark), frame edge, grain (darker), frame (darkest)
- **11 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Frame (dark), grain (lighter), throat (middle)
- **12 DMC 436 Tan** Frame and throat (light)
- **13 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Frame (lightest)
- **14 DMC 221 Very Dark Shell Pink** Grip (middle)
- **15 DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet**
  Grip (dark), grip wraps and grip collar
- **16 DMC 3819 Light Moss Green** Tennis ball (light)
- **17 DMC 581 Moss Green** Tennis ball (dark)
- **18 DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green**
  Tennis ball (middle)

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.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

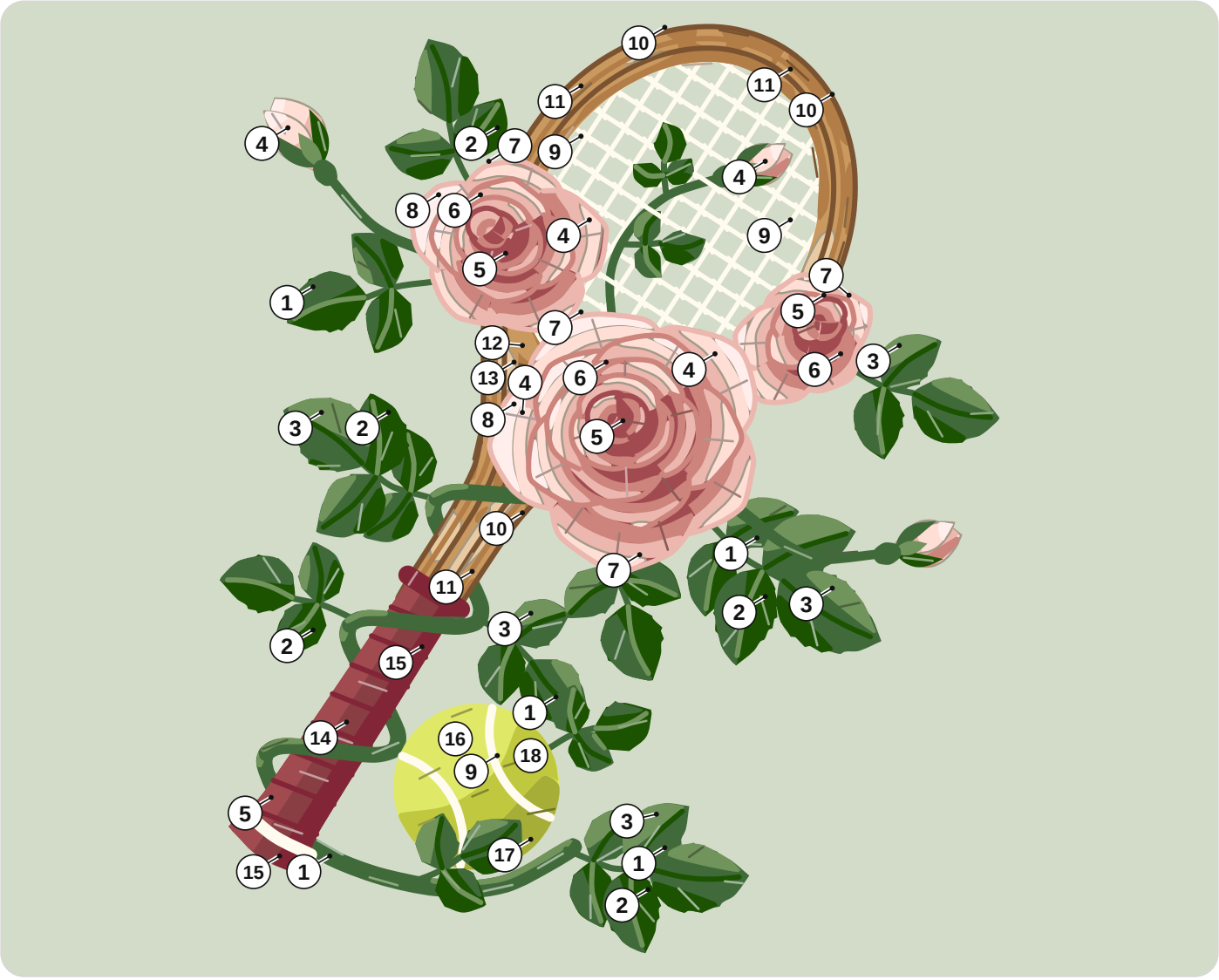
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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.

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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6	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink	12	DMC 436 Tan	18	DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green

How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: rose stem, ball seam; 2 strands: leaf stalks.
Split stitch. 2 strands: grip wraps; 1 strand: leaf veins, grain, frame edge, petal edges.

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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

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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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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