Vintage tulip huck towel border

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 2.7 in (11.7 × 6.9 cm)



A number is a row of the list.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

Floss

- **DMC BLANC White**
  Outer petals, bud leaves, petal hearts, crest diamonds, bud hearts, bud stems, stems and crest stems, hem rows and foot rows (lighter), wave rows (light)
- **DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Center petals (lighter), hem rows and foot rows (darker), wave rows (middle), leaves
- **DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige**
  Wave rows (dark), center petals (darker), hem diamonds and buds

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

One skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 2 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 2 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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.

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Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Petal hearts, leaves, crest diamonds, bud hearts, bud leaves, hem diamonds



Stitch in this order, continued

2. **Running stitch**, 6 strands
   Wave rows, stems, outer petals, center petals, crest stems, buds, bud stems, foot rows, hem rows

Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 dashed line is running stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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