Watermelon border with one gold slice

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 1.8 in (12.4 × 4.6 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

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 986 Very Dark Forest Green**
  Rind, vine, baby melon stripes, tendrils and stalks
- **2 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green**
  Leaves (lighter)
- **3 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaves (darker)
- **4 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Leaf veins and baby melons, blossom hearts (lighter)
- **5 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Blossoms, flesh (lighter)
- **6 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Petal lines, lower flesh (lighter), blossom hearts (darker)
- **7 DMC 321 Red**
  Flesh (darker)
- **8 DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Lower flesh (darker)
- **9 DMC BLANC White**
  Pith
- **10 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Seeds

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, blossoms, blossom hearts, flesh, lower flesh, pith, rind, seeds, baby melons, baby melon stripes



2. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Vine, tendrils, stalks, leaf veins

3. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal lines



4. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Blossom hearts



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How to read it

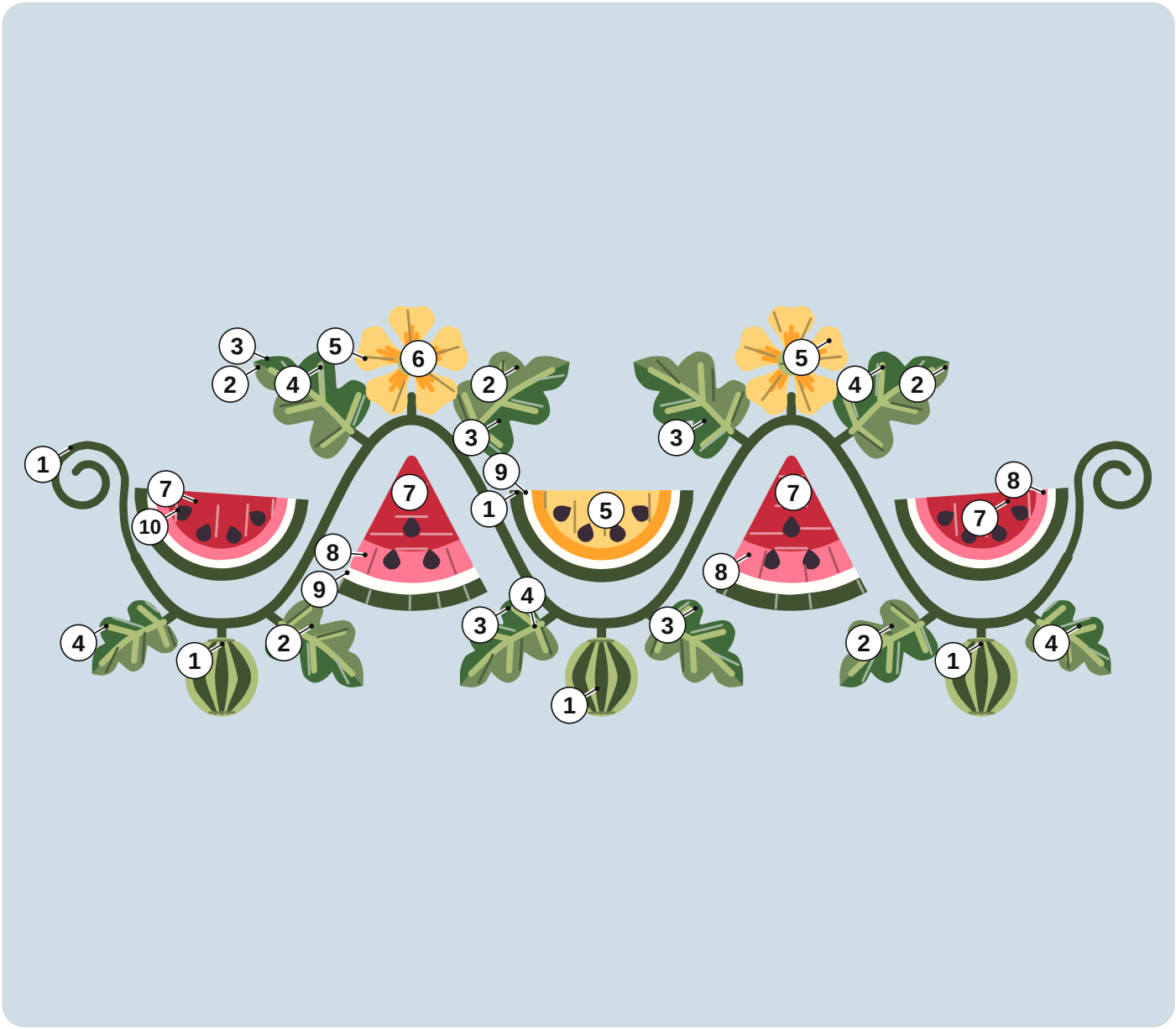
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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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How many strands

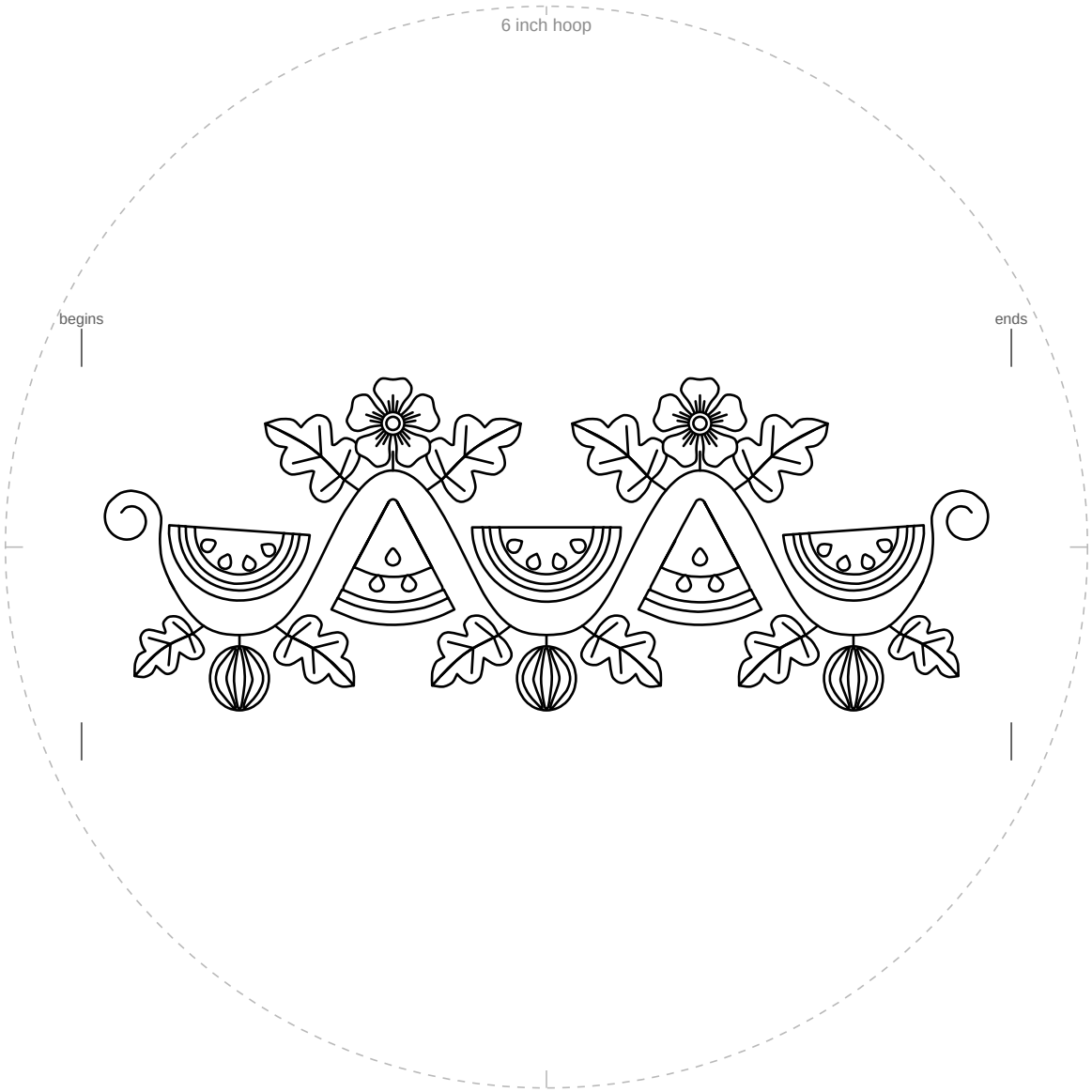
Stem stitch. 5 strands: vine; 4 strands: stalks; 3 strands: tendrils; 1 strand: leaf veins.

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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

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

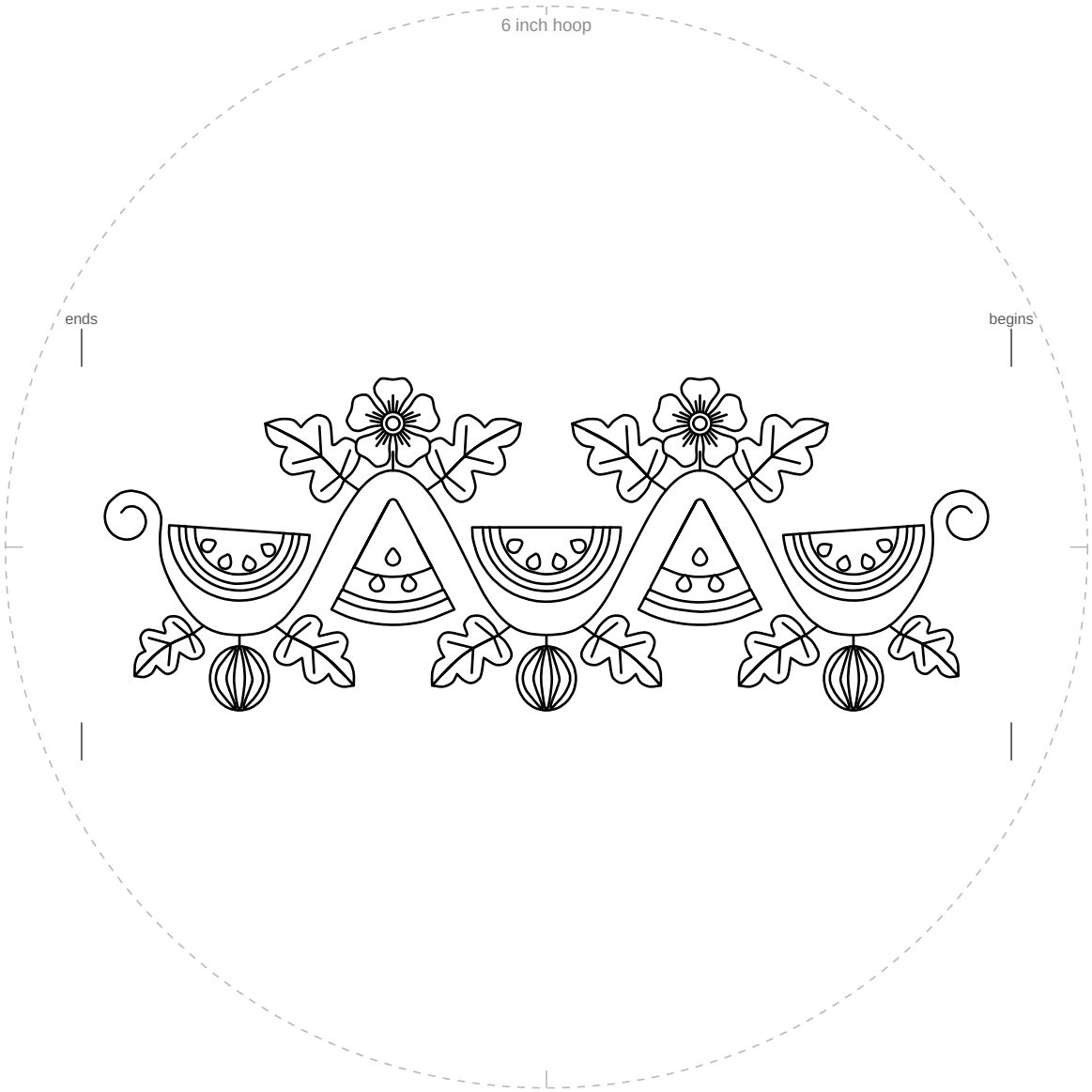
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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