FREE EMBROIDERY TUTORIAL + PATTERN

Bullion Stitch

How to do bullion stitch (bullion knots), plus a bullion rose trio hoop

SKILL LEVEL	HOOP	DESIGN
Intermediate	**5 in (13 cm)**	**3 roses, 3 buds, 6 leaves**
FLOSS	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
5 DMC colours	**Bullion, lazy daisy**	**About 2–3 hours**

Materials

- DMC stranded cotton: 3712, 760, 3713, 3328, 3363 (1 skein each)
- 8 × 8 in (20 cm) cream linen, a 5 in (13 cm) hoop, a size 7–9 milliner's needle, a water-soluble pen

Key

A-B the length of the bullion

wrap one turn of thread round the needle

3 strands separate 3 of the 6

A straight bullion needs about as many wraps as fit along A-B; each curved petal takes 4 more so it bends round the centre.

Bullion stitch

1	Up at A, down at B, up at A again; leave the needle in.
2	Wrap the thread round the needle tip.
3	Hold the wraps, pull through, lay the coil down and go down at B.

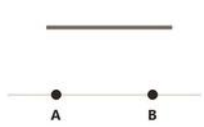
The hoop

Trace	Print the template at 100%, check the 1 in (2.5 cm) bar, trace the circles, dots and lines.	
DMC 3328	2 straight centre bullions per rose, then the 3 buds	**(9 sts)**
DMC 3712	top rose: 5 + 7 curved petals	**(12 sts)**
DMC 760	left rose: 5 + 7 curved petals	**(12 sts)**
DMC 3713	right rose: 5 + 7 curved petals	**(12 sts)**
DMC 3363	6 lazy daisy leaves	**(6 sts)**
Finish	Rinse out the pen, dry face down on a towel (don't press the roses flat) and frame.	

How to Do Bullion Stitch

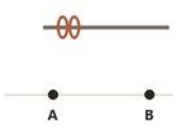
A coil of wraps laid on the fabric · 3 strands · use a milliner's needle

1 · Up at A, down at B, up at A



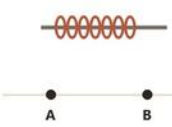
Leave the needle in the fabric with its tip out at A: the length A-B is the bullion's length.

2 · Wrap



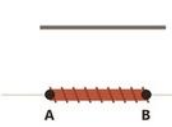
Wrap the thread round the needle tip, close to the fabric, keeping the wraps even and snug.

3 · Enough wraps



Wrap until the coil is as long as A-B (a few more for a curved petal).

4 · Pull through, lay it down



Hold the wraps, pull the needle through, lay the coil flat towards B and go down at B.

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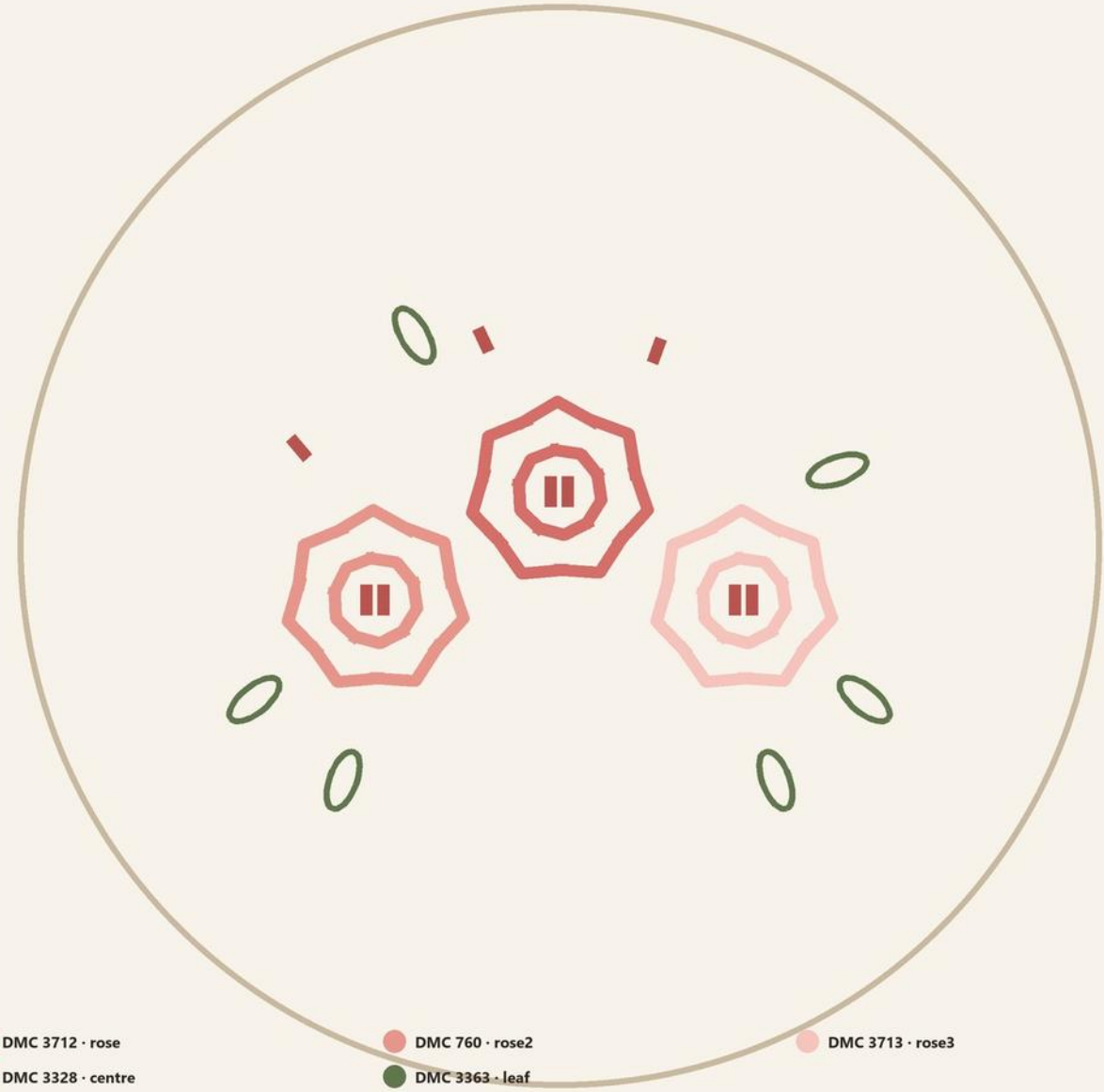
Bullion Rose Trio · Stitch Plan

5 in hoop · 45 bullions (3 roses + 3 buds) · 6 lazy daisy leaves · enlarged



DMC 3712 · rose
DMC 760 · rose2
DMC 3713 · rose3
DMC 3328 · centre
DMC 3363 · leaf

Each rose: 2 straight bullions in the centre, 5 curved petals round them, then 7 longer petals in an outer ring, each overlapping the last.

Bullion Rose Trio · Floss

3 strands · a size 7–9 milliner's (straw) needle · cream linen 8 × 8 in (20 cm) in a 5 in (13 cm) hoop

DMC	Colour	Part	Stitches	Thread (3 strands)
DMC 3328	dark salmon	rose centres + 3 buds	9	1.3 yd
DMC 3712	medium salmon	top rose petals	12	2.6 yd
DMC 760	salmon	left rose petals	12	2.6 yd
DMC 3713	very light salmon	right rose petals	12	2.6 yd
DMC 3363	medium pine green	6 leaves	6	0.8 yd

Bullions use a lot of thread: 1 skein of each colour is still plenty. Time: about 2–3 hours.

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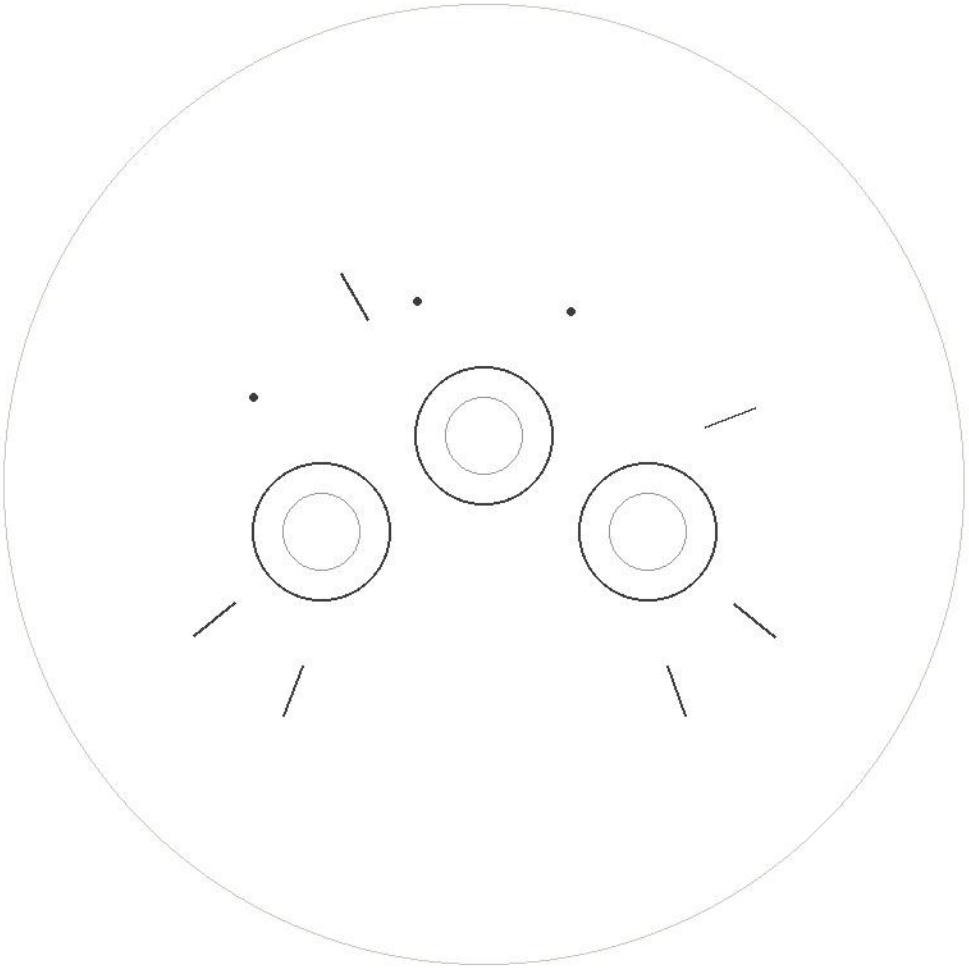
Bullion Rose Trio · print at 100% (actual size)

Trace the 2 circles of each rose, a dot for each bud and a short line for each leaf.



1 in check bar: measure it after printing