FREE EMBROIDERY TUTORIAL + PATTERN

Lazy Daisy Stitch

How to do lazy daisy (detached chain) and a daisy wreath pattern for a 6 in hoop

SKILL LEVEL **Beginner**	HOOP **6 in**	DESIGN **8 daisies + leaves**
FLOSS **DMC Blanc, 3347, 3821**	STITCHES **Lazy daisy, French knot**	TIME **About 2–3 hours**

Materials

- DMC stranded cotton: Blanc white, 3347 medium yellow green, 3821 straw (1 skein each)
- 10 × 10 in linen, a 6 in hoop, a size 7 embroidery needle, a water-soluble pen

Key

lazy daisy one chain loop tacked at its tip

French knot 2 wraps round the needle

3 strands separate 3 of the 6

Petals are 0.26 in (6.6 mm) long; leaves 0.22 in (5.6 mm).

Lazy daisy

1	Come up at the base.	
2	Go down in the same hole, leaving a loop.	
3	Come up at the tip, inside the loop.	
4	Pull snug and go down just outside the loop to tack it.	**(1 st)**

The wreath

Trace	Print the template at 100%, check the 1 in bar, trace the petal and leaf lines and the centre circles.	
Leaves	DMC 3347: one lazy daisy on each leaf line, base on the wreath line.	**(16 sts)**
Petals	DMC Blanc: 5 lazy daisies per flower, each starting at the centre circle.	**(40 sts)**
Centres	DMC 3821: 3 French knots (2 wraps) in each centre.	**(24 knots)**
Finish	Rinse out the pen, dry face down on a towel, press and frame.	

How to Do Lazy Daisy Stitch

Also called detached chain · 3 strands · petals about 7 mm long

1 · Up

Bring the needle up at the base of the petal (the flower centre).

2 · Loop



Go back down in the SAME hole, but leave a loop on the front.

3 · Up inside



Come up at the tip of the petal, inside the loop.

4 · Tack it



Pull the loop snug, then go down just outside it at the tip: a tiny stitch holds it.

5 · Repeat



Come up at the centre again for the next petal. 5 petals make a daisy.

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Lazy Daisy Variations

The same detached chain, used four ways

Variation	How	Good for
Lazy daisy flower	5–8 loops round one centre	daisies, forget-me-nots
Leaf	1 loop, tacked with a longer stitch	leaves along a stem
Double lazy daisy	a smaller loop inside a bigger one, 2 colours	bolder petals
Lazy daisy + straight stitch	a straight stitch filling the loop	solid petals

Long petals? Keep loops under about 0.4 in (10 mm), or they catch and twist.

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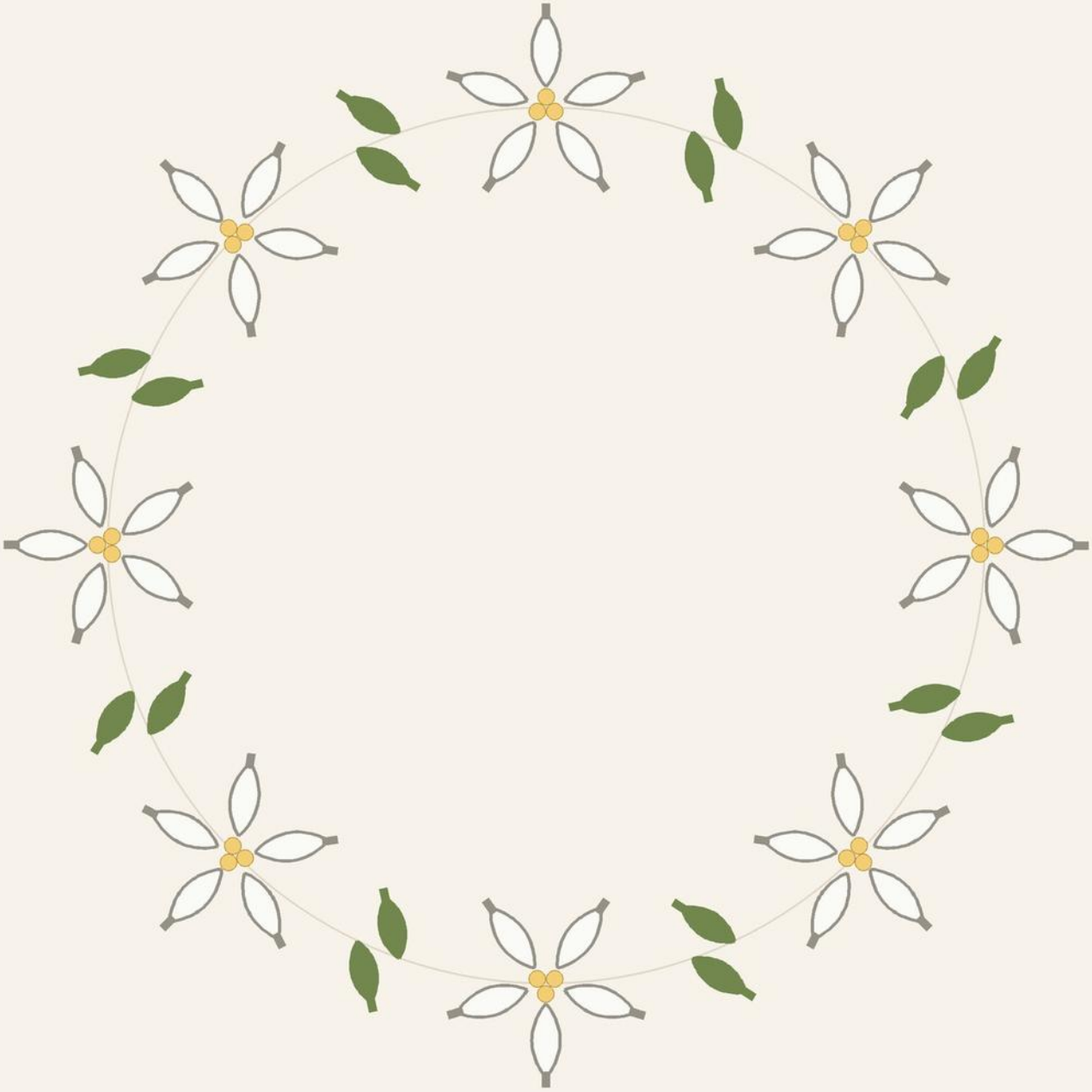
Daisy Wreath · Stitch Plan

6 in hoop · 8 daisies × 5 petals · 16 leaves · 24 French knots · drawn to scale, enlarged



Faint circle = the wreath line (trace it lightly, it isn't stitched). Stitch the leaves first, then the petals, then the knots.

Daisy Wreath · Floss

3 strands for everything · French knots with 2 wraps

DMC	Colour	Part	Stitches	Thread (3 strands)
DMC Blanc	white	petals	40	1.5 yd
DMC 3347	medium yellow green	leaves	16	0.5 yd
DMC 3821	straw	centres (French knots)	24	0.7 yd

One skein of each colour is plenty. Fabric: 10 × 10 in sage or oatmeal linen in a 6 in hoop. Time: about 2–3 hours.

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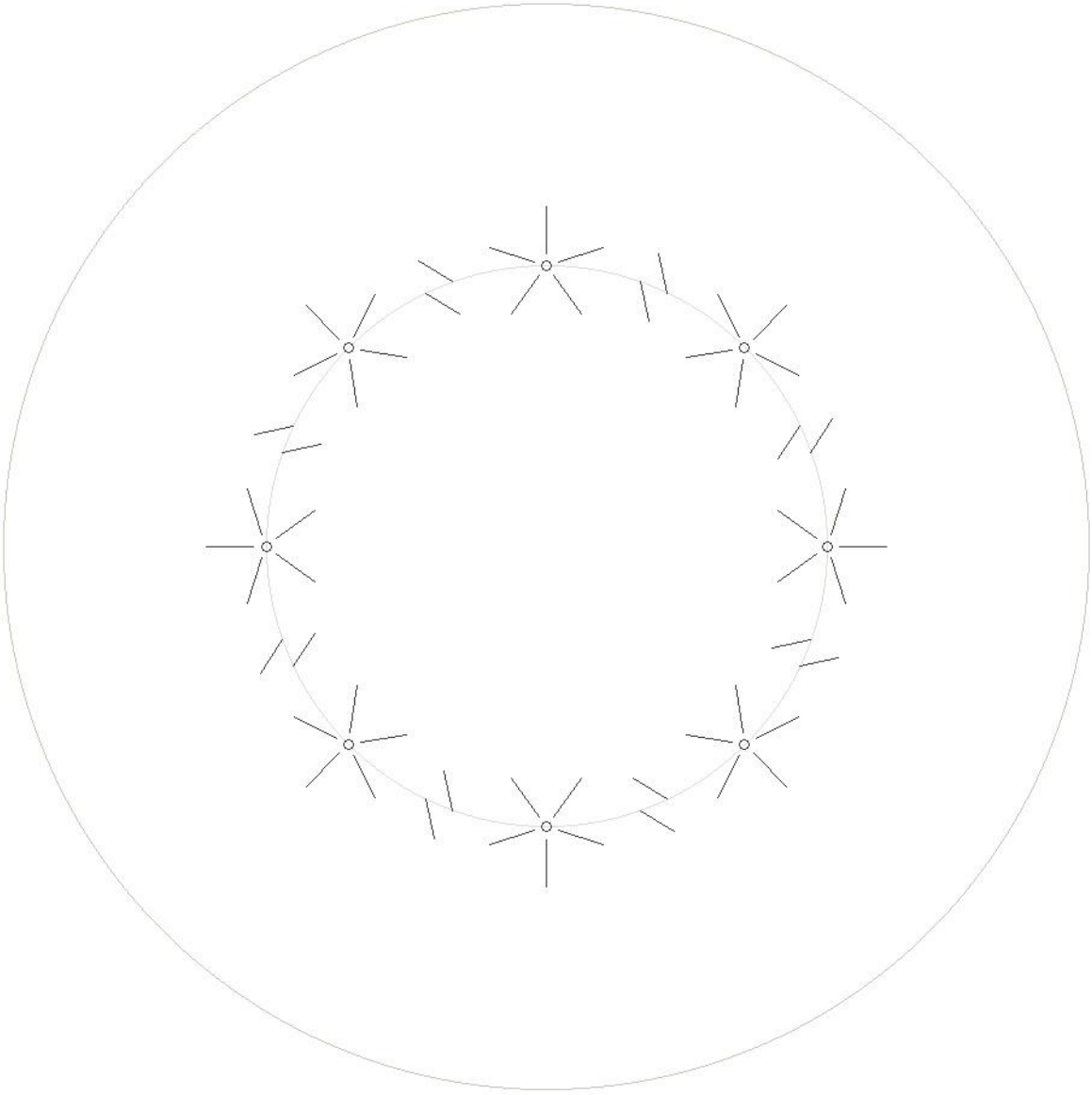
Daisy Wreath · print at 100% (actual size)

Trace only the dots and petal lines onto a 10 × 10 in piece of linen. Stitch in a 6 in hoop.



each line = one lazy daisy, from its base to its tip · small circles = French knot centres · outer circle = inside of the hoop

1 in check bar: measure it after printing