FREE EMBROIDERY PATTERN

Peony Embroidery Pattern

An open peony with a bud for a 6 in hoop · true-size template · 4 easy stitches

SKILL LEVEL **Beginner+**	HOOP **6 in (15 cm)**	FLOSS **DMC, 2 strands**
NEEDLE **Embroidery size 7**	FABRIC **Linen/cotton, 11 in square**	TIME **5–6 hours**

Materials

- DMC floss, 1 skein each: 3326 light rose (8.6 yd), 899 medium rose (3.8 yd), 3350 ultra dark dusty rose (0.7 yd), 3822 light straw (0.9 yd), 988 forest green (1.8 yd), 986 very dark forest green (0.9 yd)
- Natural linen or cotton fabric about 11 in square, a 6 in hoop, embroidery needle size 7, small scissors
- Water-soluble pen or pencil for tracing; print the template at 100% / actual size.

Abbreviations (US terms)

BS	backstitch, 3 mm	**LD**	lazy daisy
SS	satin stitch	**DMC**	floss colour number
FK	French knot, 2 wraps		

Use 2 strands throughout. Outline each petal with split stitch first, then cover it with satin stitch so the edges stay crisp.

Peony

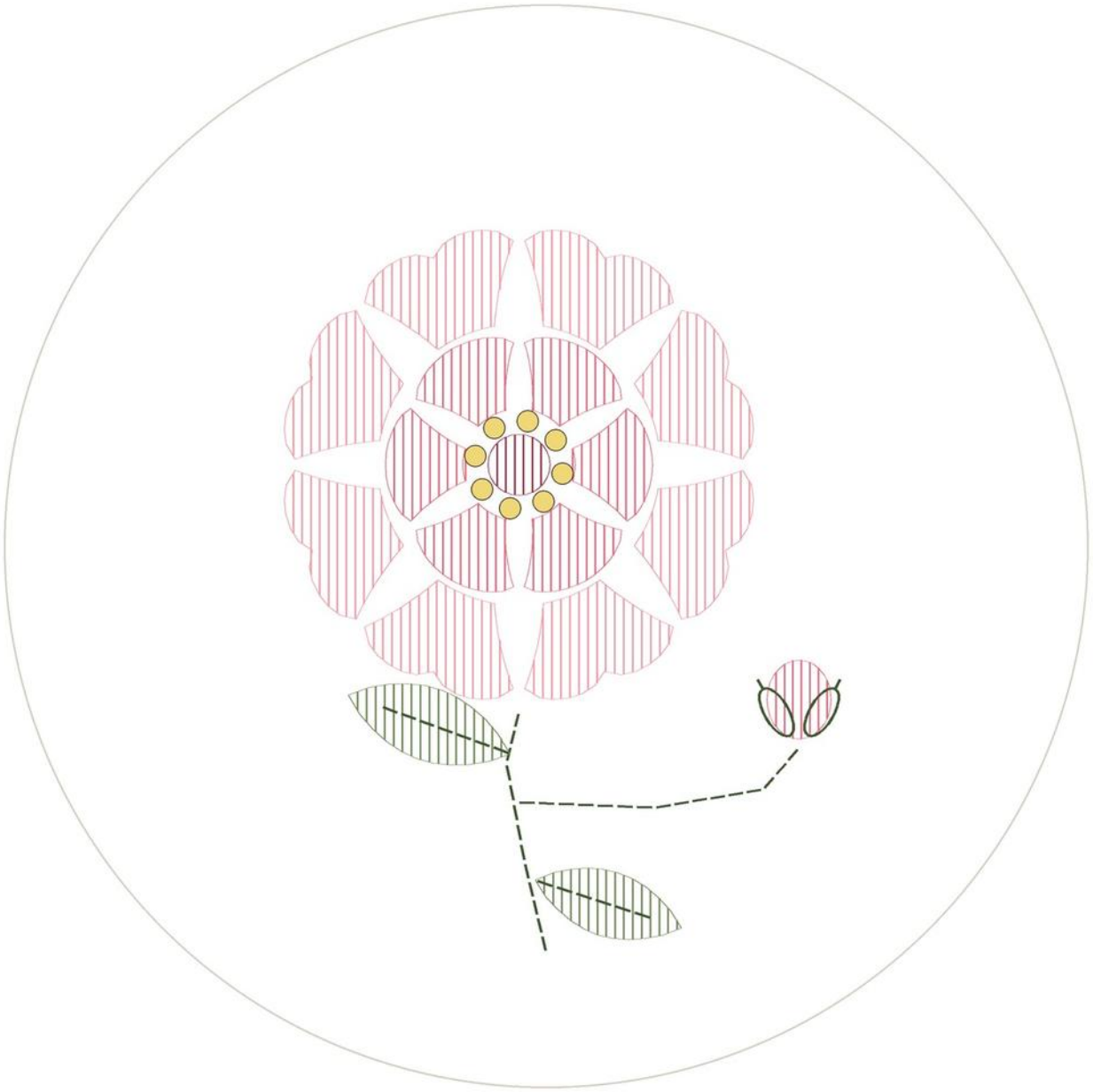
Step 1	Backstitch both stems in very dark green 986: the main stem from under the peony to the bottom, the bud stem curving in to meet it.
Step 2	Satin stitch the two leaves in forest green 988, then backstitch a 986 vein down the middle of each.
Step 3	Satin stitch the 8 outer petals in light rose 3326. Work each petal from its rounded top towards the flower centre, angling the stitches like the spokes of a wheel.
Step 4	Satin stitch the 6 inner petals in medium rose 899 the same way.
Step 5	Satin stitch the centre in dusty rose 3350, then add 8 light straw 3822 French knots in a ring around it for the stamens.
Step 6	Satin stitch the oval bud in 899 and add two 986 lazy daisy sepals that hug its base.
Counts	backstitch 986: 42 · lazy daisy 986: 2 · French knot 3822: 8 · satin stitch 3326: 240 · satin stitch 3350: 14 · satin stitch 899: 139 · satin stitch 988: 69

Finishing

Hoop	Trim the fabric to 1 in beyond the hoop, run a gathering stitch around the edge and pull it tight at the back.
Wash	Rinse away the pen lines with cold water and let the hoop dry flat.

Peony Embroidery · Stitch Chart

Enlarged 2×. Colours are DMC numbers; every dash is one 3 mm backstitch. 2 strands throughout.



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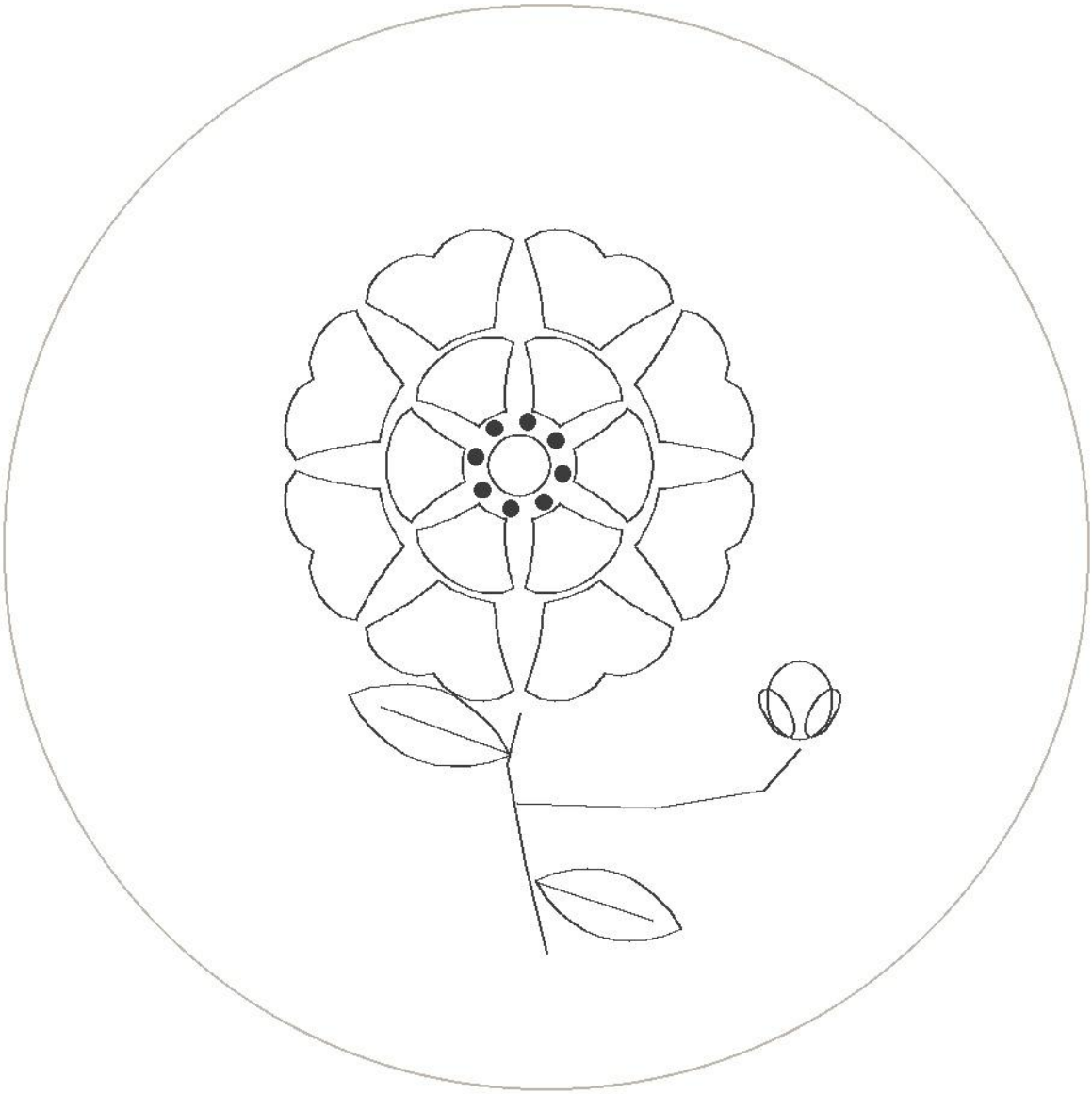
- **DMC 3326** Light rose
- **DMC 899** Medium rose
- **DMC 3350** Ultra dark dusty rose
- **DMC 3822** Light straw
- **DMC 988** Forest green
- **DMC 986** Very dark forest green

backstitch = dashes · satin = filled · French knot = dot · lazy daisy = loop · cozymakery.com

Peony Embroidery Template · print at 100% (actual size)

The circle is a 6 in hoop. Trace the lines onto your fabric; dots = French knots, loops = lazy daisy sepals.



1 in check square: measure it after printing