FREE EMBROIDERY TUTORIAL + PATTERN

Seed Stitch Embroidery

How to do seed stitch, plus a mushroom trio hoop

SKILL LEVEL	HOOP	DESIGN
Beginner	**5 in (13 cm)**	**3 mushrooms**
FLOSS	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
5 DMC colours	**Seed, back, French knot, straight**	**About 3–4 hours**

Materials

- DMC stranded cotton: 349, B5200, Ecru, 3863, 3347 (1 skein each)
- 8 × 8 in (20 cm) natural linen, a 5 in (13 cm) hoop, a size 9 embroidery needle, a water-soluble pen

Key

Seed stitch a tiny straight stitch about 1.5 mm long, in any direction
2 strands separate 2 of the 6
FK French knot

Seed stitches are about 1.5 mm long with about 2 mm between their centres. Keep the gaps even rather than the directions.

Seed stitch

1	Up, and down about 1.5 mm away.
2	Up a little way off; make the next stitch point another way.
3	Scatter evenly to the outline: no rows, no clumps.

The hoop

Trace	Print the template at 100%, check the 1 in (2.5 cm) bar, trace the outlines, spots, ground and grass.	
DMC 349	seed stitch the caps, around the spots	**(222 sts)**
DMC B5200	a French knot (4 strands, 2 wraps) in each spot	**(15 sts)**
DMC Ecru	seed stitch the stems	**(69 sts)**
DMC 3863	back stitch the ground line and the stem outlines first	**(85 sts)**
DMC 3347	straight stitch grass blades	**(6 sts)**
Finish	Rinse out the pen, dry face down on a towel, press from the back (don't flatten the knots) and frame.	

How to Do Seed Stitch Embroidery

tiny straight stitches scattered in every direction · a light, textured fill · 2 strands

1 · One tiny stitch



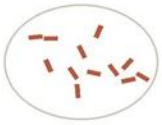
Come up, go down about 1.5 mm away: a single tiny straight stitch.

2 · Change direction



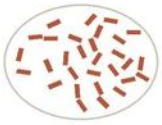
Come up a little way off and make the next one pointing a different way.

3 · Scatter



Keep the gaps about the same everywhere: no rows, no lines, no clumps.

4 · Fill the shape



Work right up to the outline. Closer stitches look darker, wider ones lighter.

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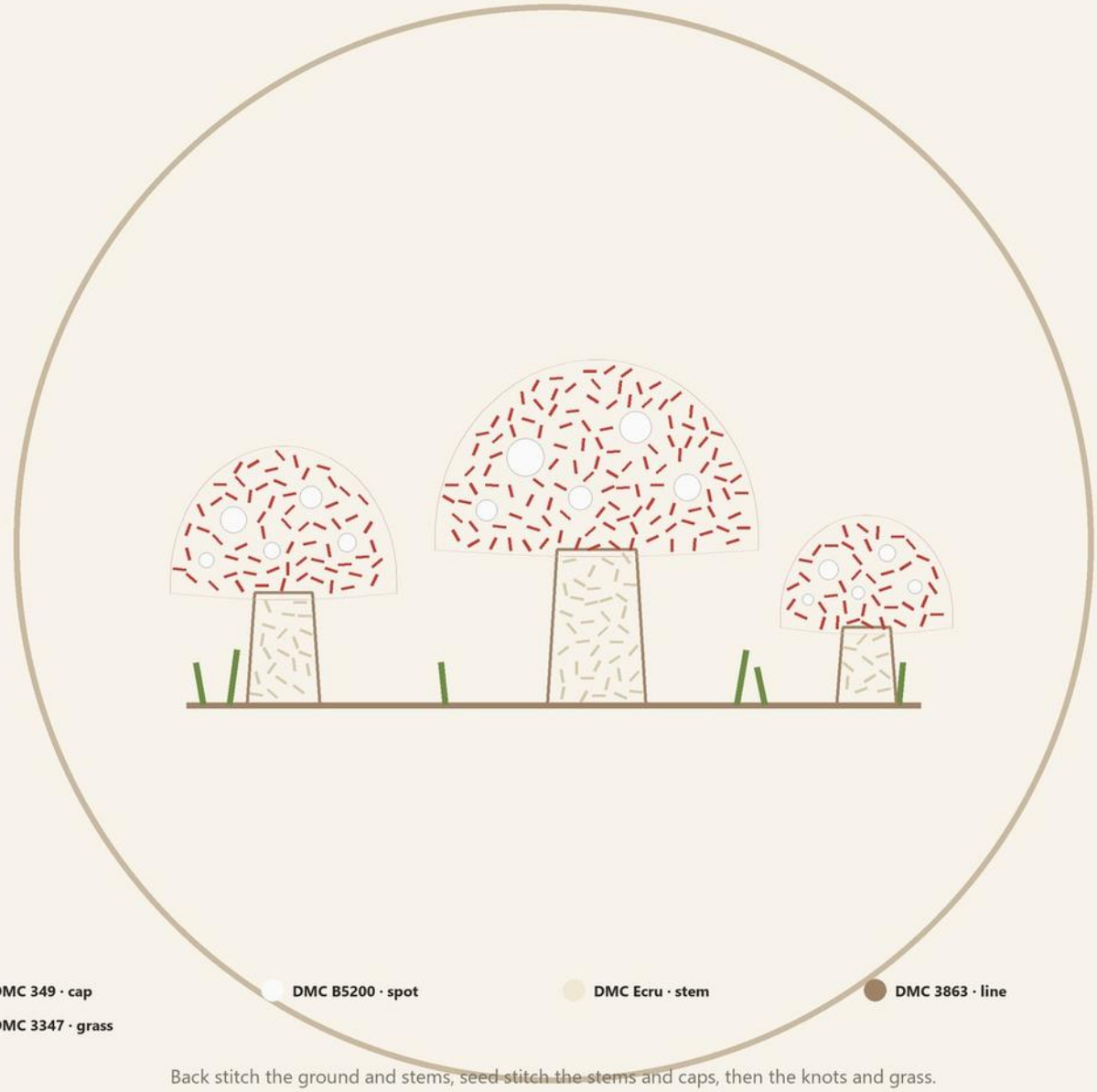
Mushroom Trio · Seed Stitch Plan

5 in hoop · 291 seed stitches · French knot spots · back stitch outlines · enlarged



DMC 349 · cap
DMC 3347 · grass
DMC B5200 · spot
DMC Ecru · stem
DMC 3863 · line

Back stitch the ground and stems, seed stitch the stems and caps, then the knots and grass.

Mushroom Trio · Floss

2 strands (4 for the French knots) · natural linen 8 × 8 in (20 cm) in a 5 in (13 cm) hoop

DMC	Colour	Part	Stitches	Thread (2 strands)
DMC 349	dark coral	caps, seed stitch	222	1.6 yd
DMC B5200	snow white	spots, French knots	15	0.9 yd
DMC Ecru	ecru	stems, seed stitch	69	0.7 yd
DMC 3863	medium mocha beige	stem outlines + ground, back stitch	85	0.9 yd
DMC 3347	medium yellow green	grass blades, straight stitch	6	0.4 yd

1 skein of each colour is plenty. Time: about 3–4 hours.

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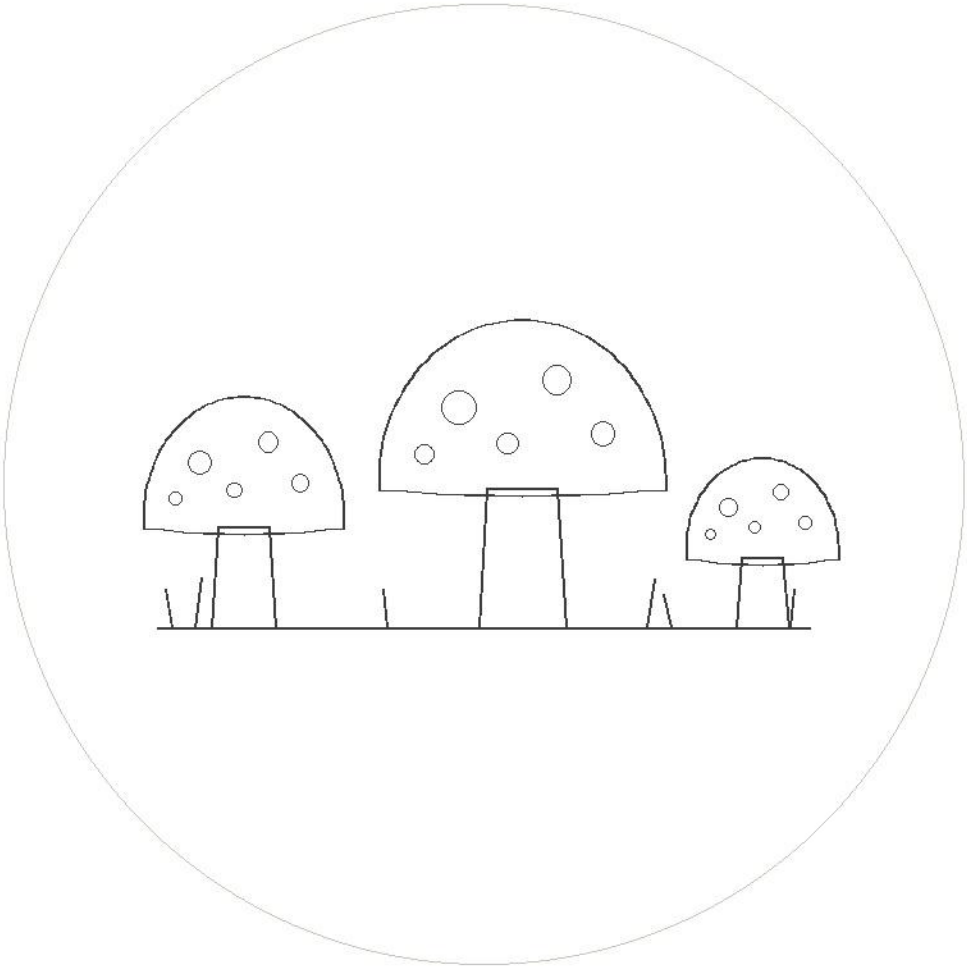
Mushroom Trio · print at 100% (actual size)

Trace the caps, the spots, the stems, the ground line and the grass blades.



1 in check bar: measure it after printing