12th century Celtic interlace

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cord, bodies, beard curls, heads, collars, ears, eyes, whirl, frame rings, trefoils



2. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: bodies edges, head edges, cheek lines, collar edges, eye edges
   1 strand: ear edges
   3 strands: whirl ring

3. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Trefoil veins



4. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: pupils, whirl knots, frame beading, trefoil knots, cell knots
   1 strand: nostrils



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 13 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	**6**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**11**	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
2	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	**7**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**12**	DMC 746 Off White
3	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	**8**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**13**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**9**	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon		
5	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**10**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet		

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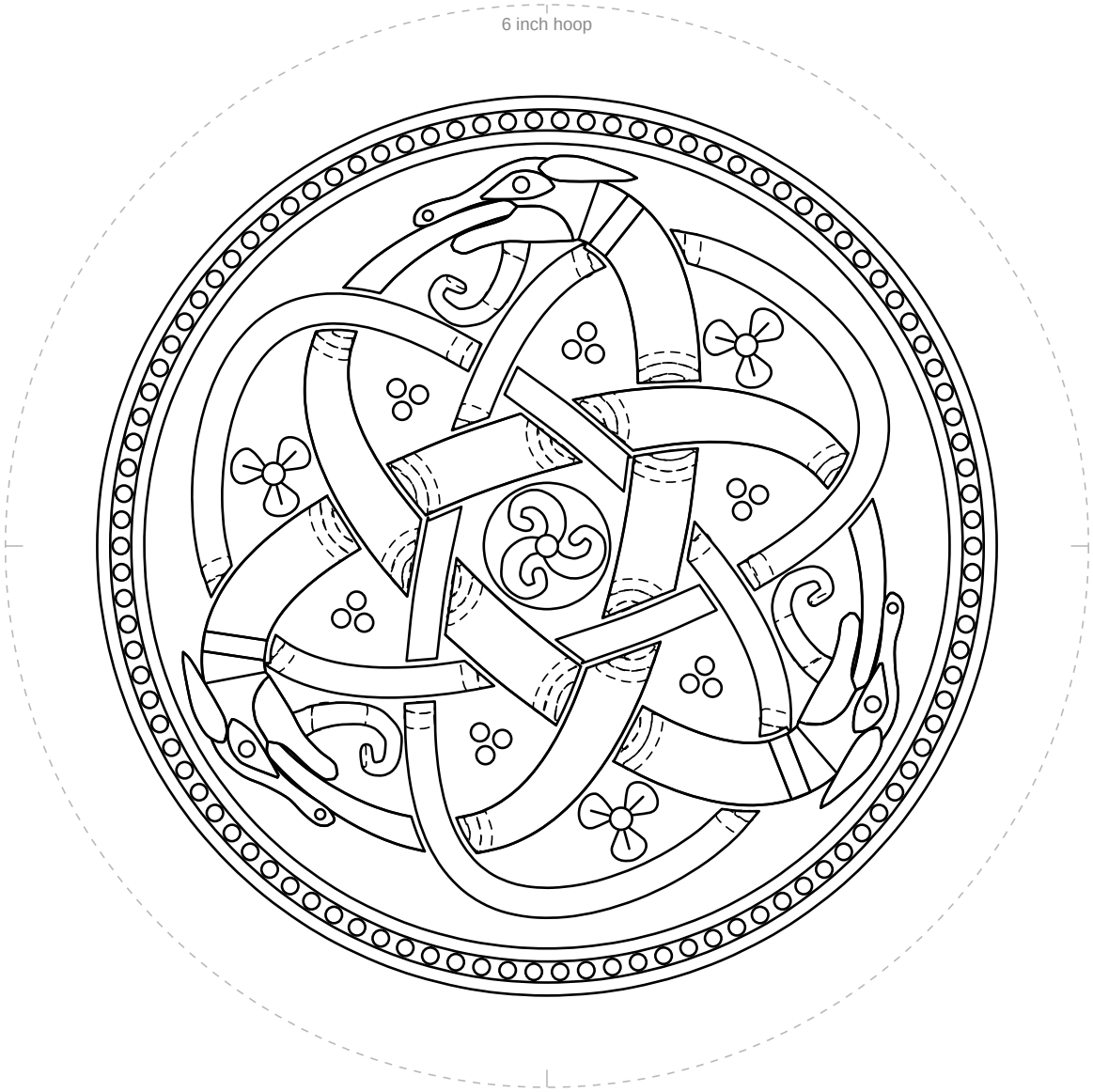
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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