Aari style floral shawl border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 2.7 in (10.9 × 6.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Leaves, vine and calyx (darker), bud sepals
- **2 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Vine, leaves and calyx (lighter), side stems and sepals
- **3 DMC 351 Coral**
  Rosette petals, rules and buds (darker), lotus petals (dark)
- **4 DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany**
  Lotus petals (light), buds (lighter)
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Rosette petals and wheat row (lighter), lotus petals (lightest), rosette center (light)
- **6 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Rosette center (dark), lotus petals (darkest)
- **7 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Wheat row (darker), lotus petals (middle light), rosette center (middle)
- **8 DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Rules (lighter), lotus petals (middle dark)

Stitch in this order

1. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Vine, side stems, buds, bud sepals, rosette petals, rosette center, leaves, lotus petals, calyx, rules



2. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Sepals, wheat row



3. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Rosette center, wheat row



What you need

Intermediate. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in wine red. Embroidery needle: size 7. Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



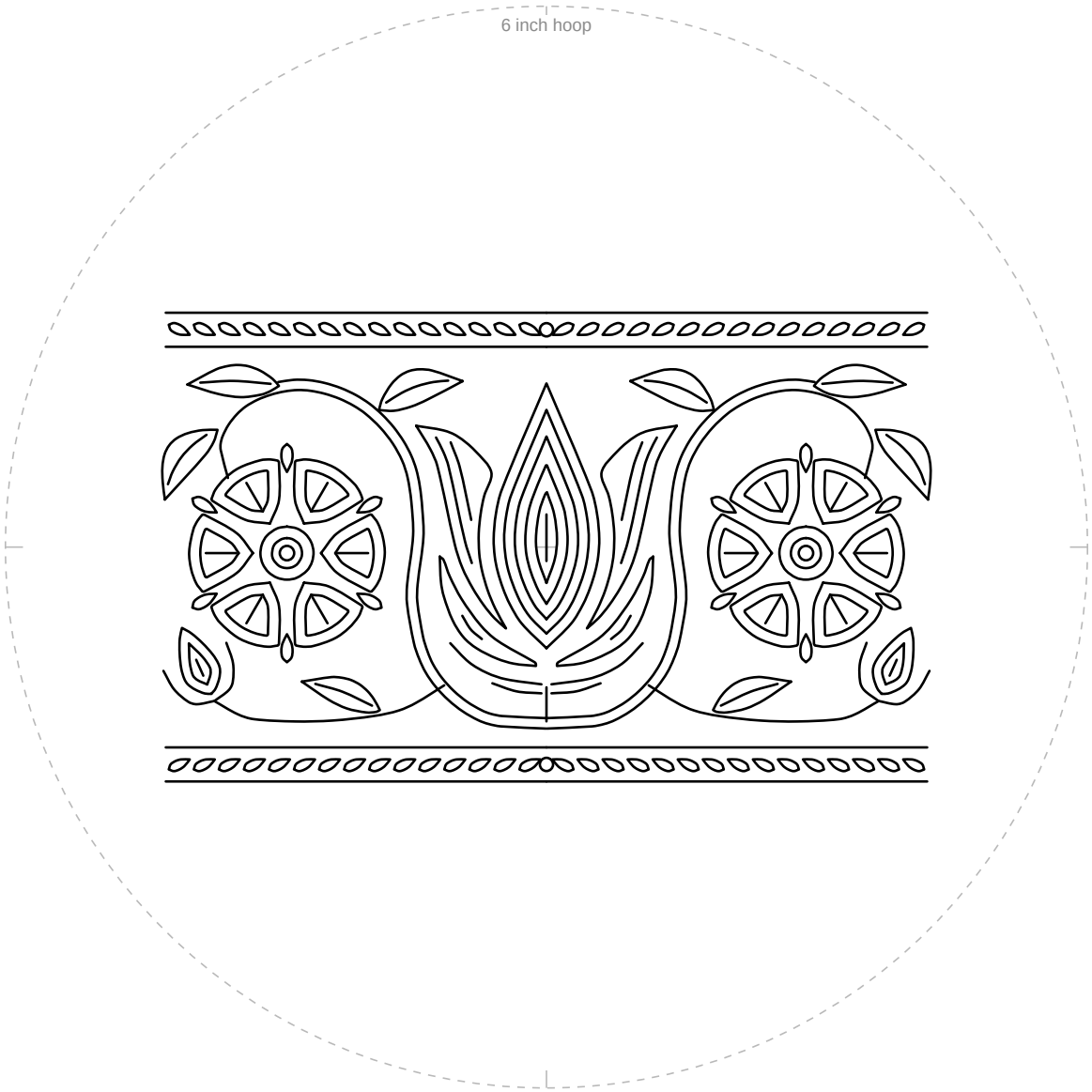
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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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25.4 mm

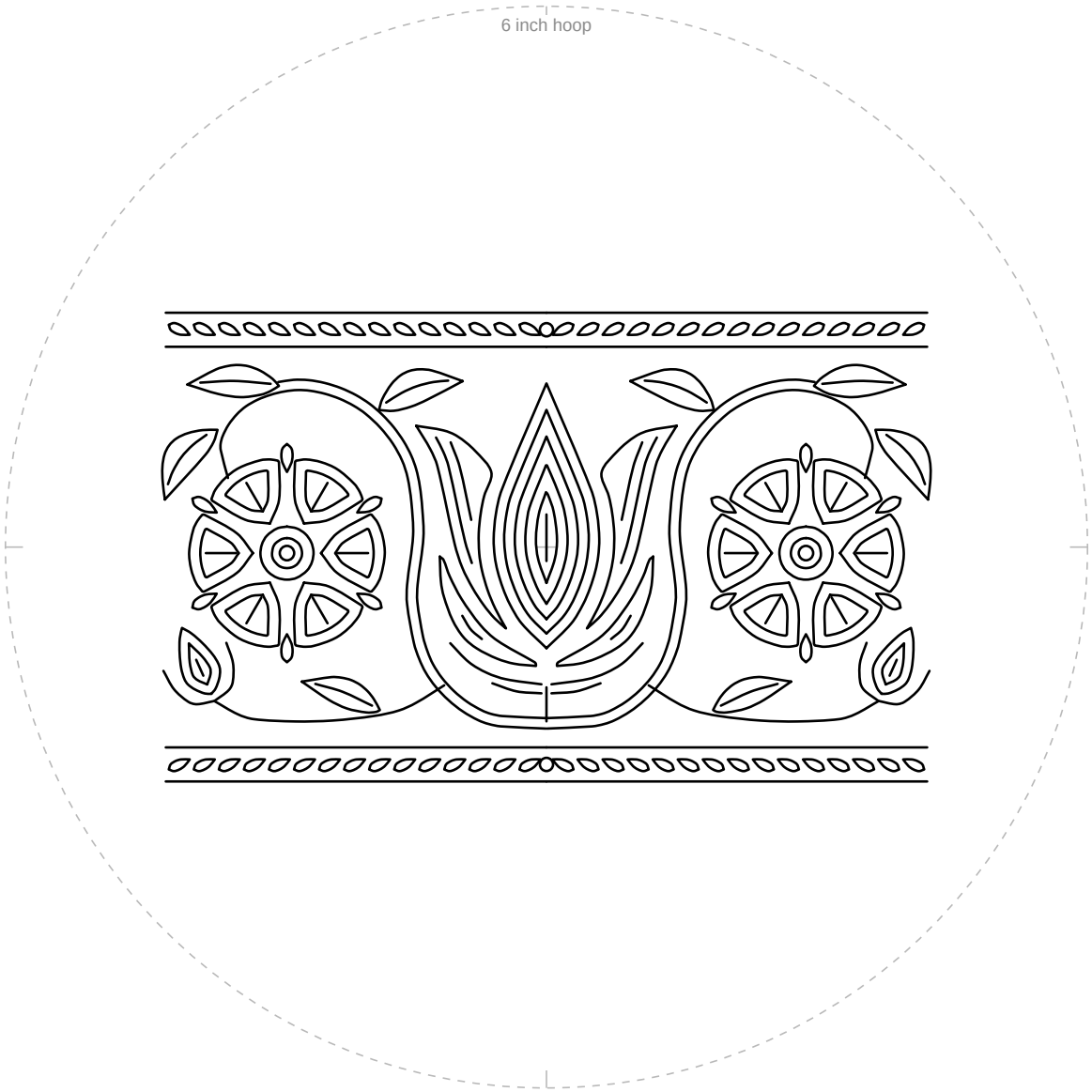
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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