Banded teardrop bauble

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2.3 × 4.5 in (5.8 × 11.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 7.

16 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Cord bow
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Satin shoulder, satin tip
3. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Woven cap
4. **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Herringbone band (color 6)
5. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Chain band (colors 8 and 9)
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lazy daisy band (color 6)
7. **Feather stitch**, 3 strands
   Feather band (color 11)
8. **Fly stitch**, 3 strands
   Fly band (colors 11 and 14)
9. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: herringbone band (color 6), lines of the knot band, chain band (color 9), lazy daisy band (color 10), feather band (color 13), fly band (color 14), band lines, edges of the satin shoulder
   2 strands: edges of the padded satin band, edges of the satin tip, edges of the woven cap
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
    Loops of the lazy daisy band
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Bow knot, padded satin band, tip bead
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    3 strands: bow ends
    2 strands: knots of the knot band, knots of the lazy daisy band, cap lip

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 712 Cream	7	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold	13	DMC 351 Coral
2	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	8	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	14	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry
3	DMC 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	15	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
4	DMC 3078 Very Light Golden Yellow	10	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold	16	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
5	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	11	DMC 352 Light Coral		
6	DMC 726 Light Topaz	12	DMC 350 Medium Coral		

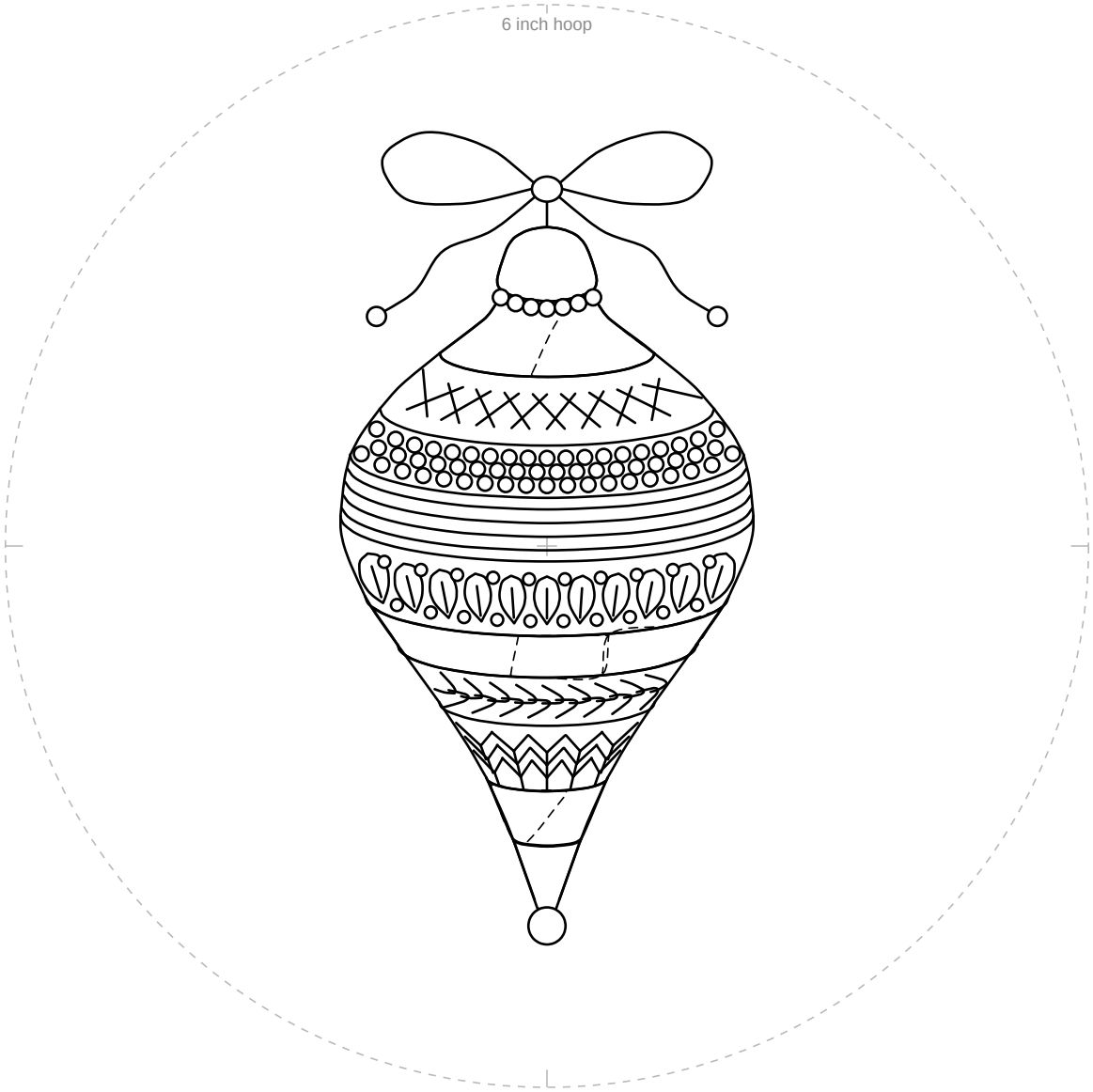
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; 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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