Bethlehem tatreez couched floral motif

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 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 703 Chartreuse**
  Stems and rosette ring, side leaves (light)
- **2 DMC 321 Red**
  Leaves and side leaves (dark), rosette rim (darker) and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 209 Dark Lavender**
  Rosette rim (lighter), side leaves (middle), corner buds (dark) and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin**
  Leaves, top bloom, scroll flowers and corner buds (light), rosette petals (darker)
- **5 DMC 3806 Light Cyclamen Pink**
  Rosette petals (lighter), scroll flowers, corner buds and top bloom (lightest)
- **6 DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise**
  Last bud
- **7 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Gold cord (lighter)
- **8 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Gold cord (darker)

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, corner buds, side leaves, top bloom, scroll flowers, last bud, rosette rim, rosette ring, rosette petals, rosette heart



2. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems, side leaves



3. **Couching**, 3 to 4 strands
   Gold cord



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 for 2 or 3 strands, size 5 for 4 (a lower number is a thicker needle). 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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6 inch hoop

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.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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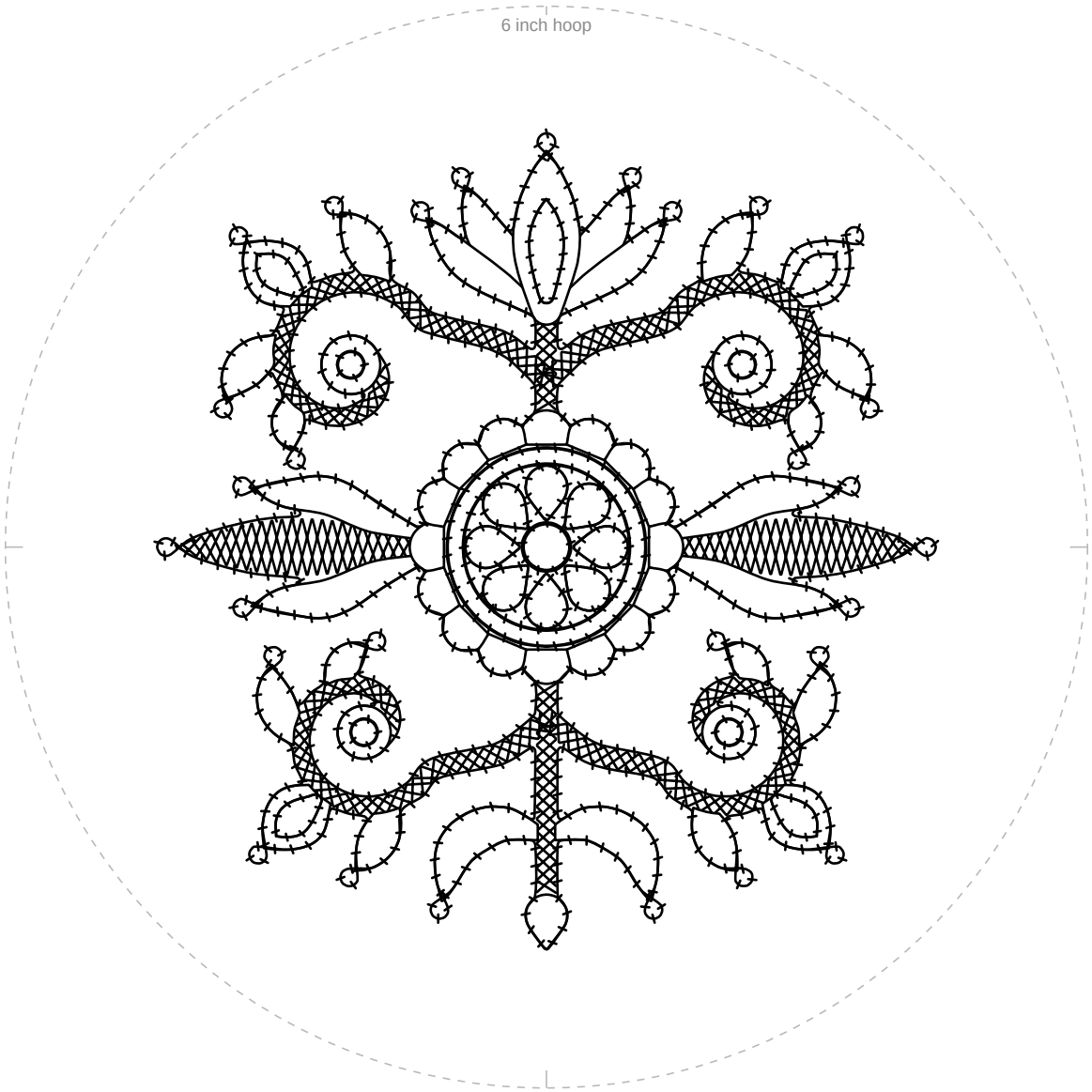
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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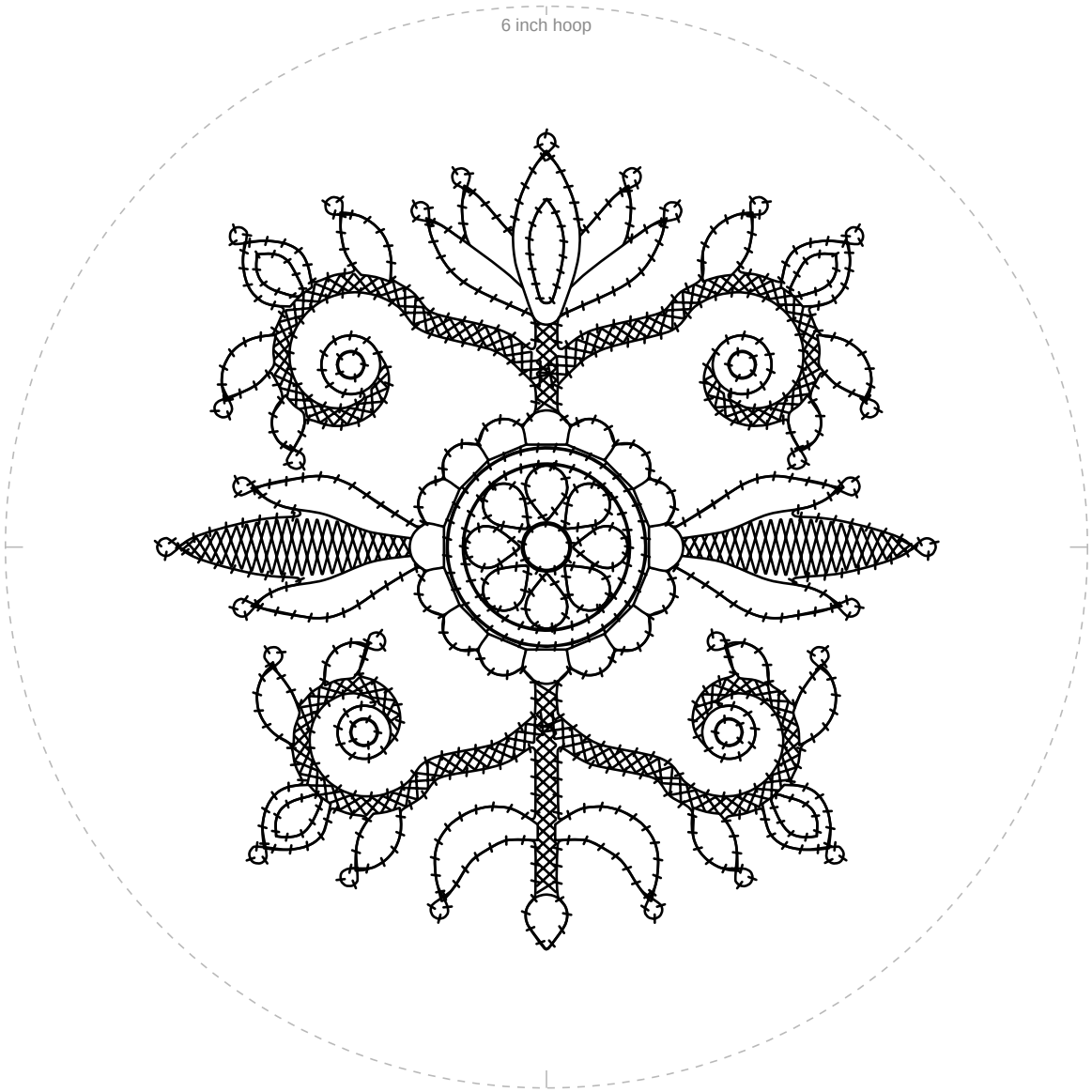
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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