Blackwork wedge medallion

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

12 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3866; one of each other 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
   Trefoils, spandrel panes, hub glass, hub
2. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 1
   Ogee mesh (color 1)
3. **Back stitch**, color 1
   1 strand: lozenge mesh, ogee mesh (color 1), roundel mesh
   2 strands: rim arcade

Stitch in this order, continued

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 2
   3 strands: arches
   2 strands: arcs
5. **Couching**, colors 2, 4
   3 strands: spokes
   4 strands: rim
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, color 4
   Trefoil knots

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

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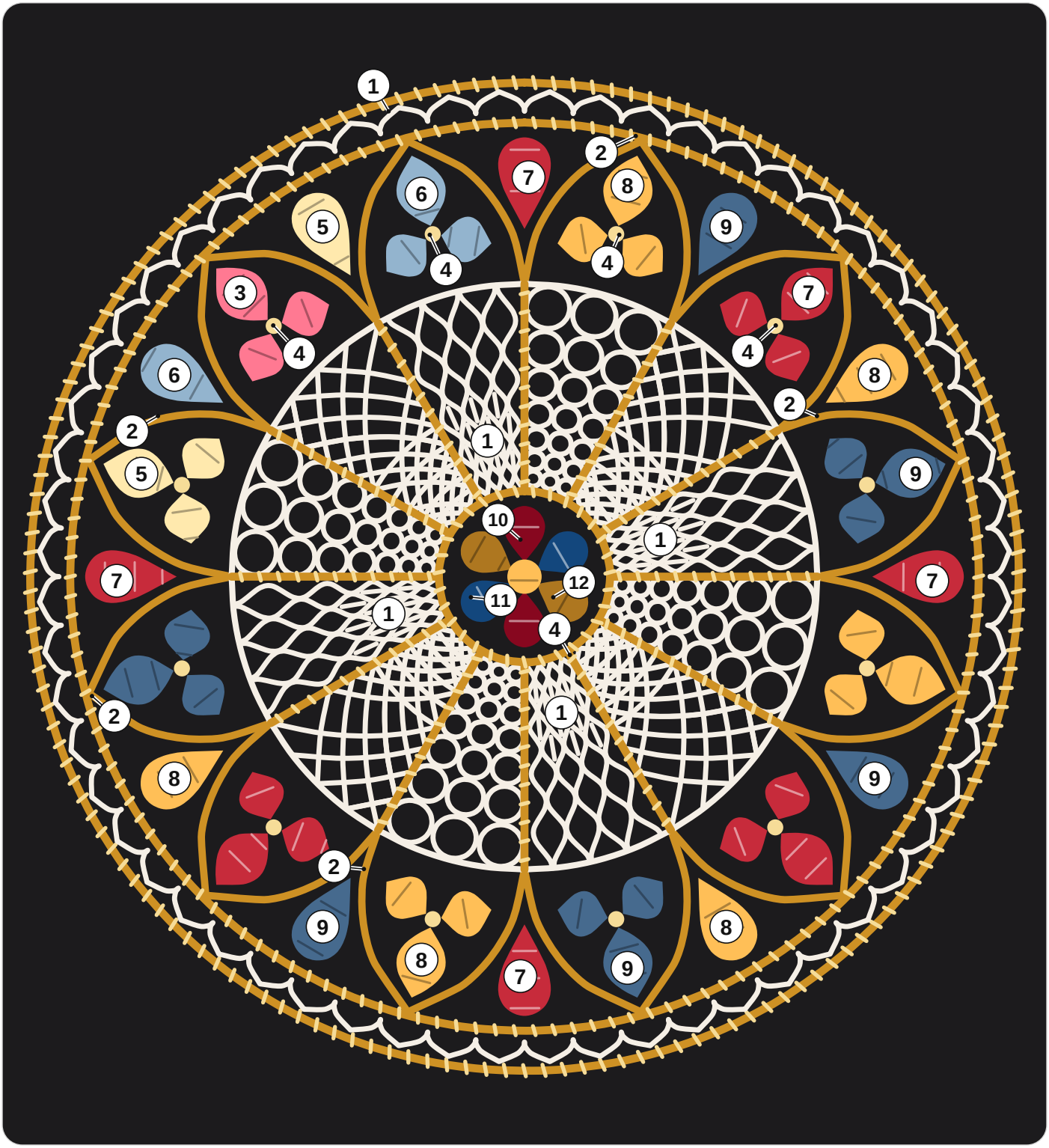
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3866 Ultra Very Light Mocha	**5**	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	**9**	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue
2	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**6**	DMC 3755 Baby Blue	**10**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
3	DMC 3705 Dark Melon	**7**	DMC 321 Red	**11**	DMC 797 Royal Blue
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**8**	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	**12**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz

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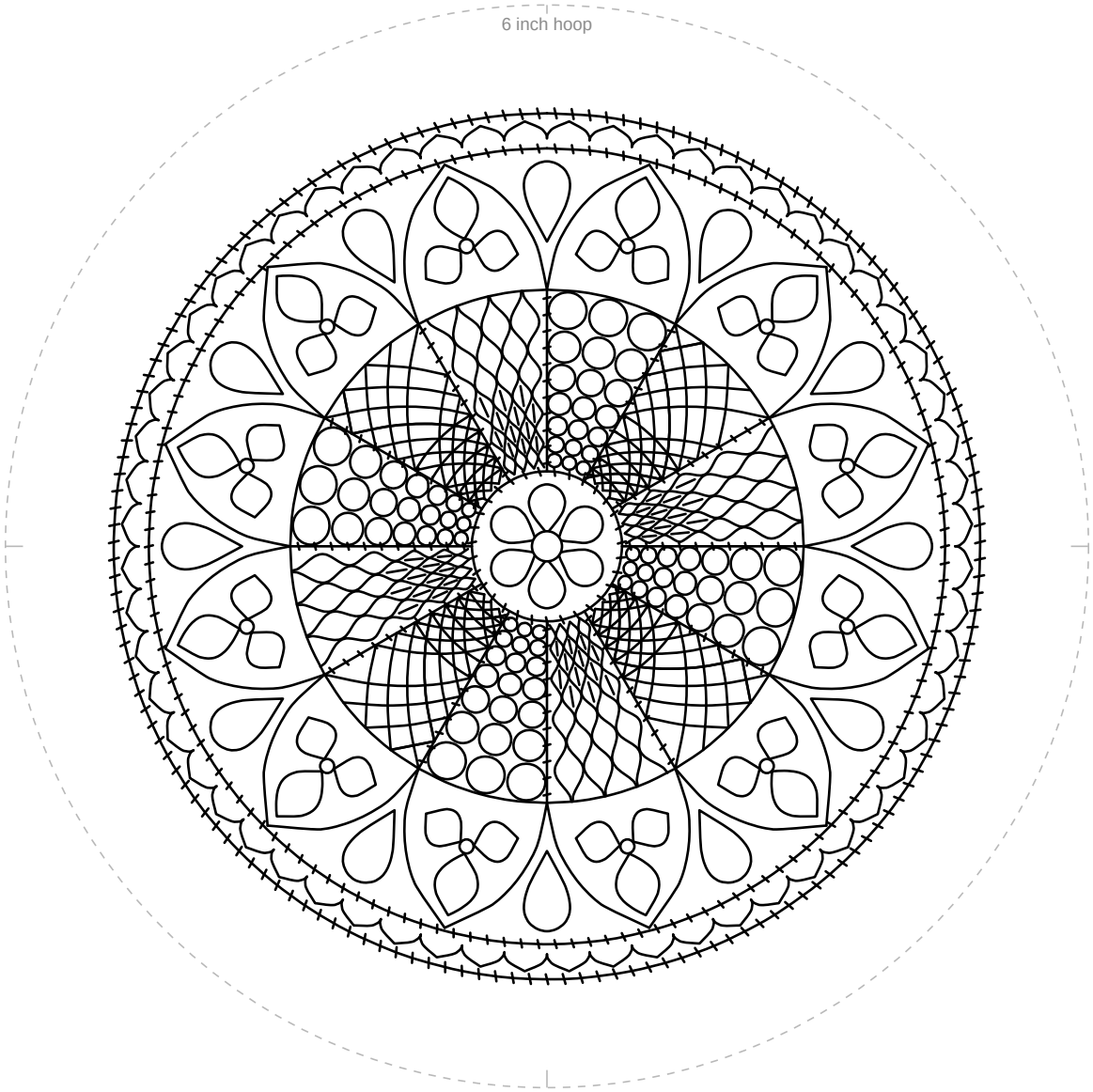
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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