Easy gold diamond braid border

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 1.4 in (12.4 × 3.6 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

7 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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
   Brown plait, gold plait, diamond flowers, dip diamonds, bow tails, loose hair, bow linings, bow loops, bow knots, ribbon wraps



2. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2
   Rail



3. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4
   Light hairs, dark hairs



4. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand, color 7
   Bow edges

5. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   3 strands, color 5
   Flower leaves, gold sprays



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 5
   Flower knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops 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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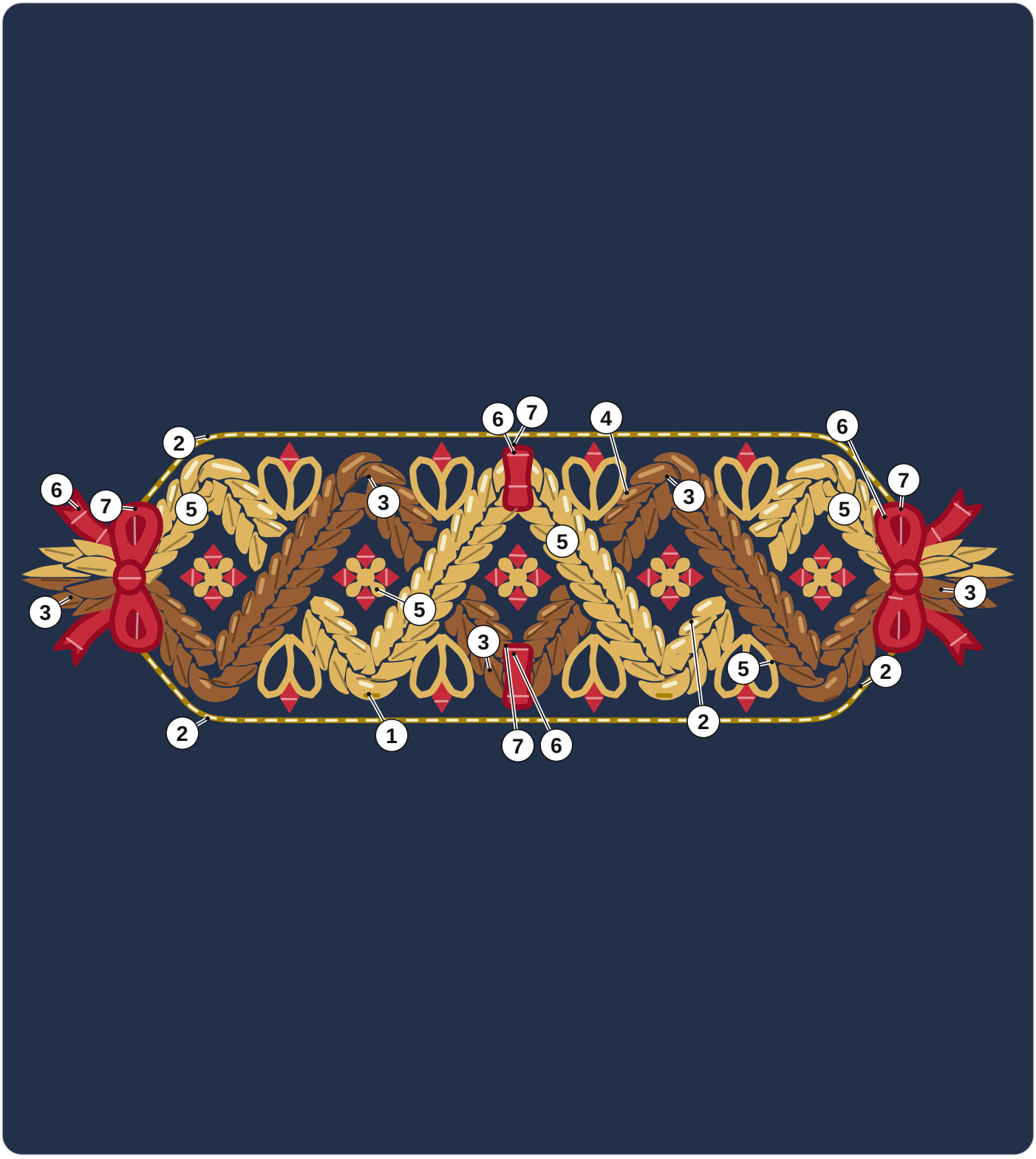
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1 DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold
2 DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold
3 DMC 434 Light Brown
4 DMC 436 Tan
5 DMC 3820 Dark Straw
6 DMC 321 Red
7 DMC 816 Garnet

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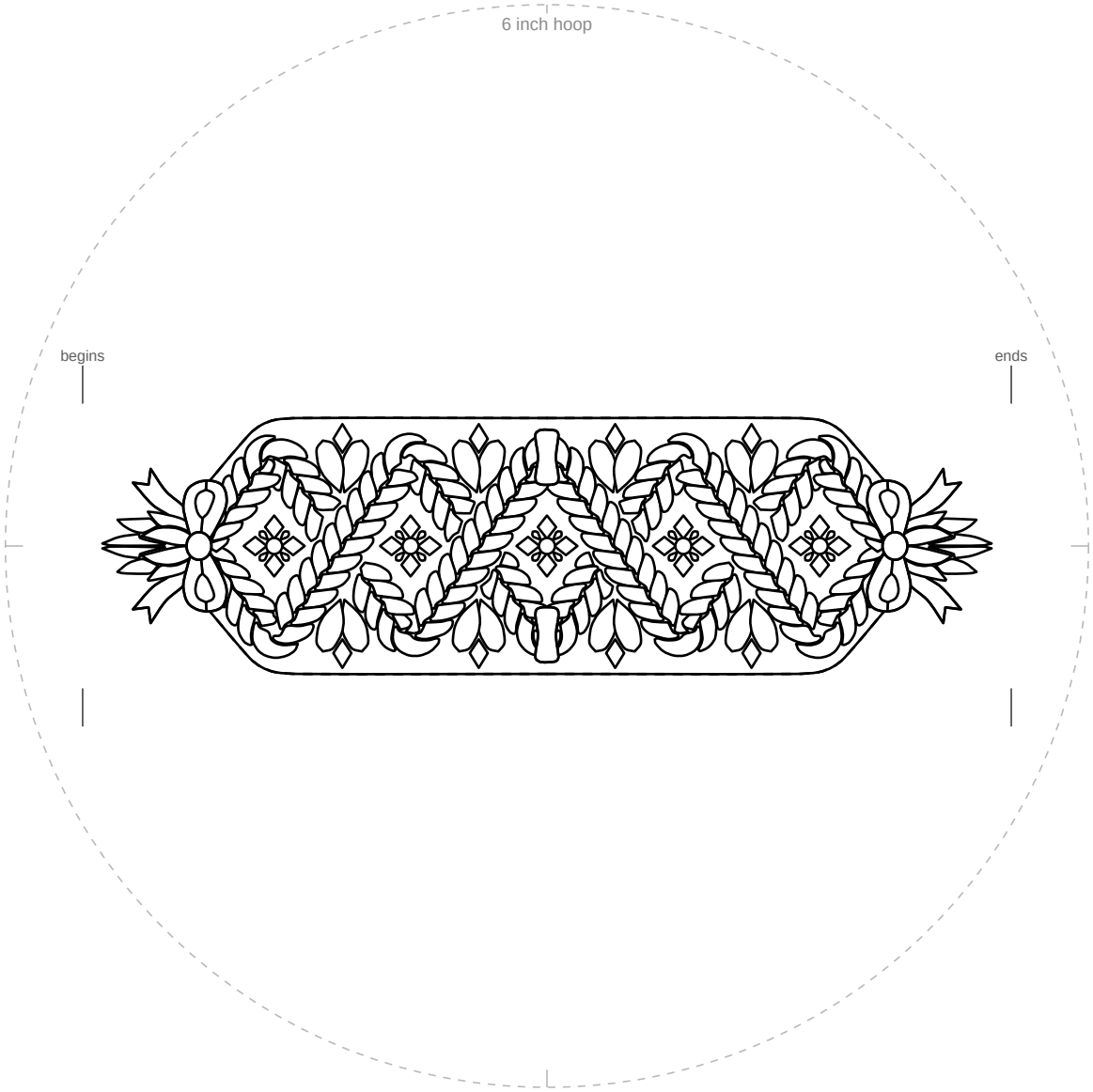
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is whipped back stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

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

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