Bulgarian-style red and black rose band

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 2.3 in (11.7 × 5.8 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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 310 Black**
  Rail teeth, leaves, vine, petal edges, rose sepals, rail lines and bud cups
- **2 DMC 321 Red**
  Side rose petals (middle), red rails and middle rose petals and 3 more parts
- **3 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Rose hearts and gold knots
- **4 DMC 351 Coral**
  Inner rose petals, side rose petals (light)
- **5 DMC 816 Garnet**
  Side rose petals (dark), outer rose petals, buds (darker)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Vine, leaves, red drops, rose sepals, side rose petals, buds, bud cups, inner rose petals, middle rose petals, outer rose petals, rail teeth



2. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, rail lines

3. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Petal edges

4. **Chain stitch**, 5 strands
   Red rails



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Gold knots, rose hearts



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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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot.

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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How many strands

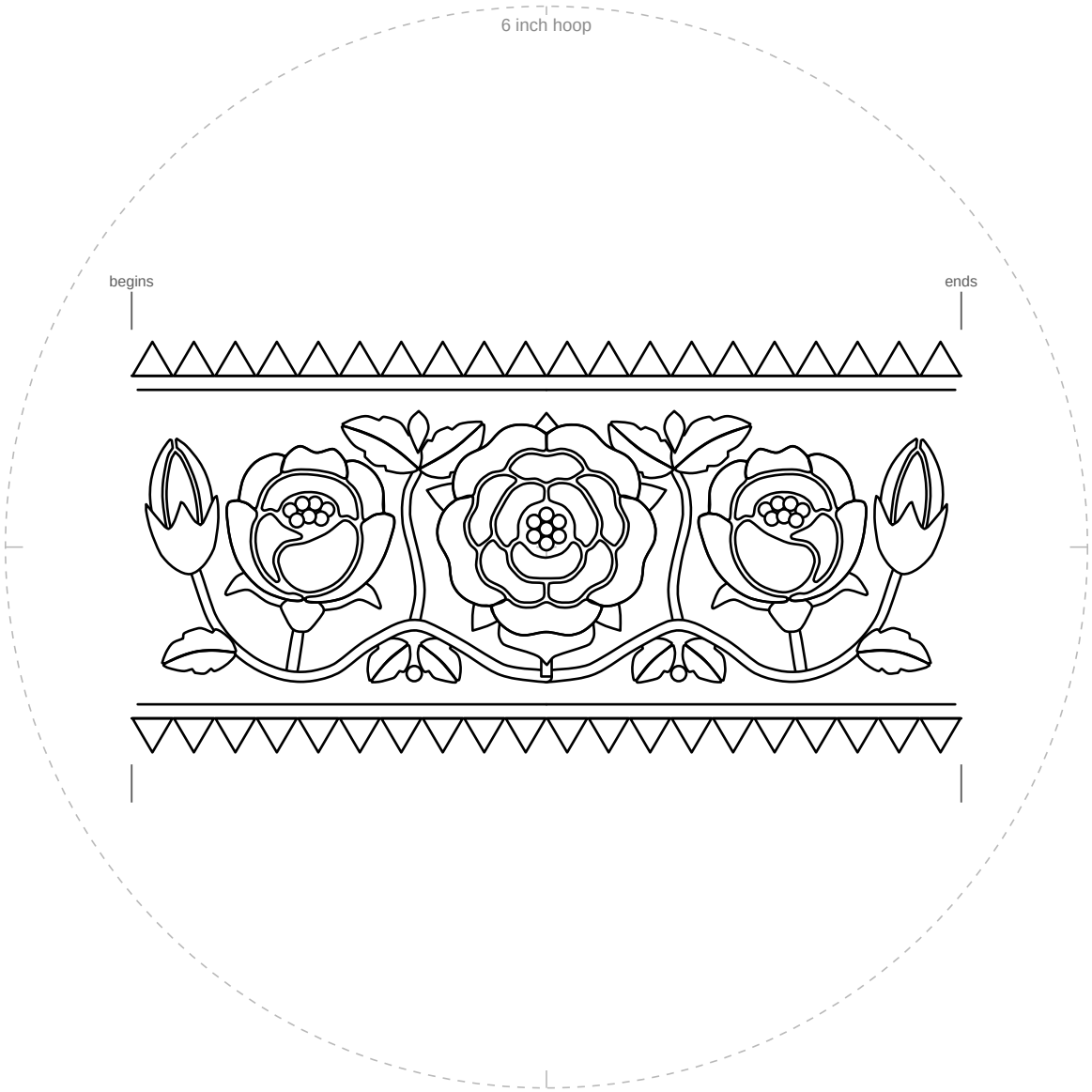
Stem stitch. 3 strands: rail lines; 2 strands: leaf veins.

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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

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

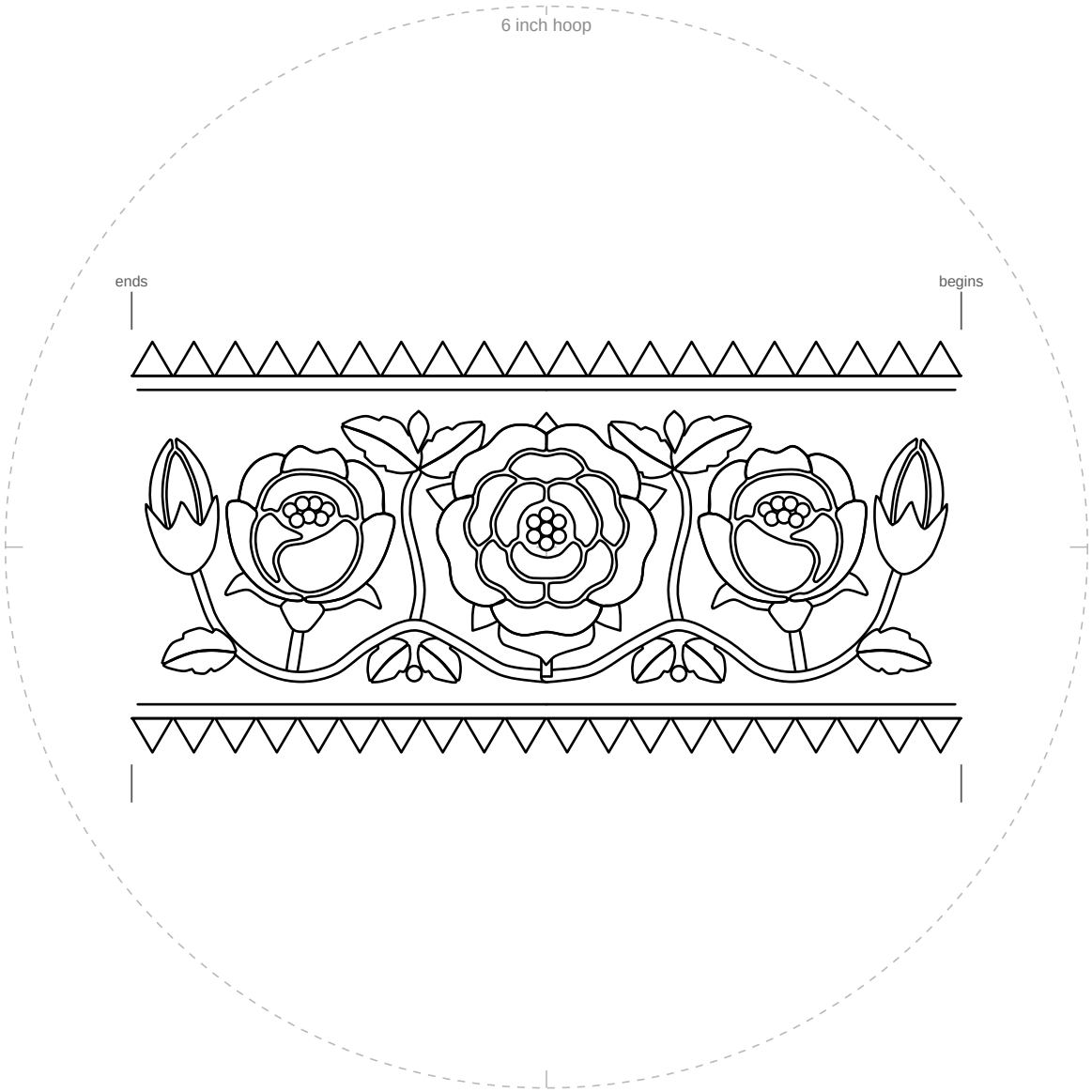
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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