Diamond chain frame

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2.1 × 4.6 in (5.3 × 11.7 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.

13 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. **Satin stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Garnet facets, emerald facets, emerald tables



2. **Couching**
   4 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4
   Gold outer line, gold inner line



Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Back stitch**, colors 1, 2
   2 strands: chain links
   1 strand: gem settings

4. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 3
   Gold beads



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

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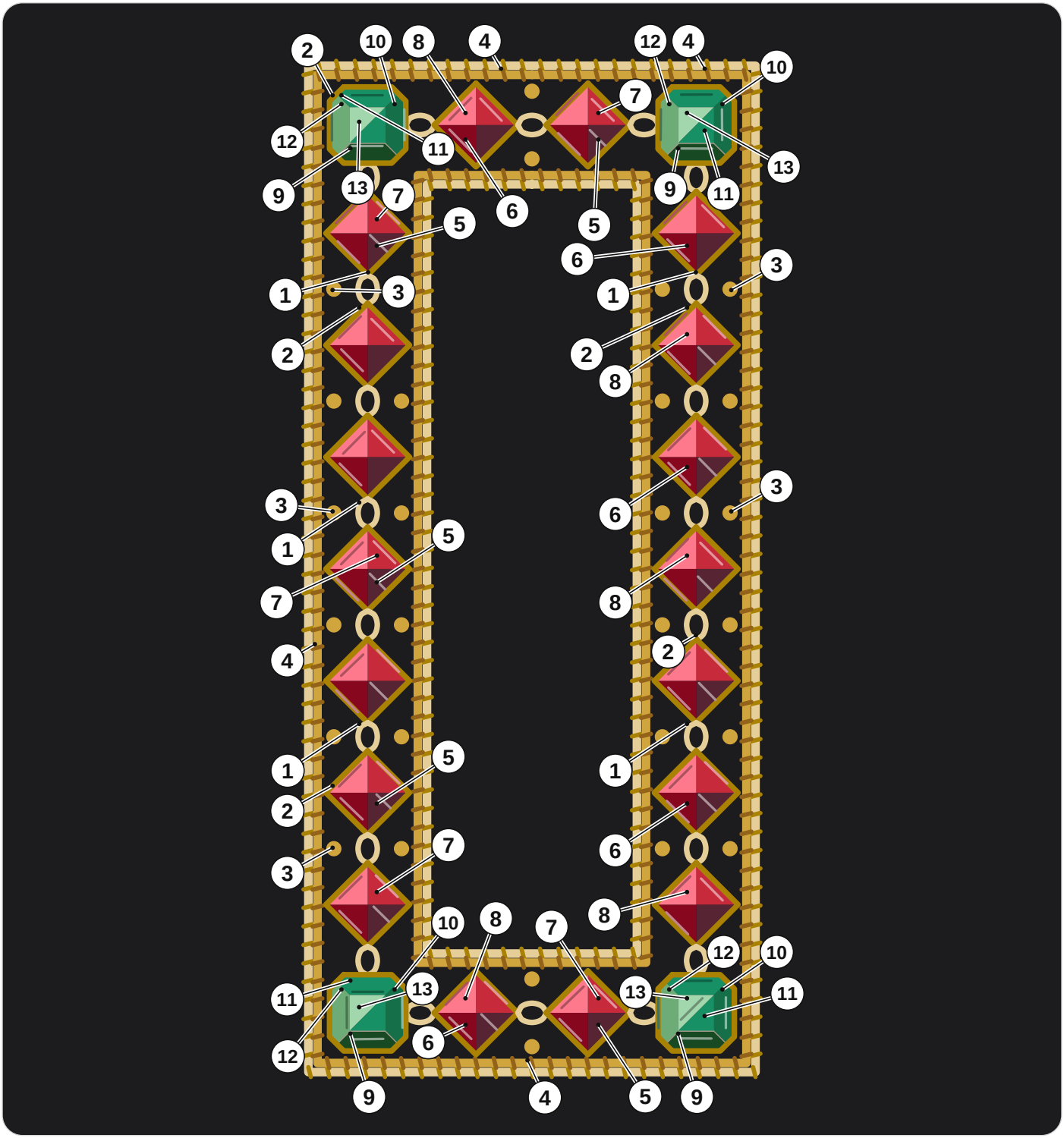
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	**6**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**11**	DMC 911 Medium Emerald Green
2	DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold	**7**	DMC 321 Red	**12**	DMC 913 Medium Nile Green
3	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	**8**	DMC 892 Medium Carnation	**13**	DMC 955 Light Nile Green
4	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**9**	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green		
5	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	**10**	DMC 909 Very Dark Emerald Green		

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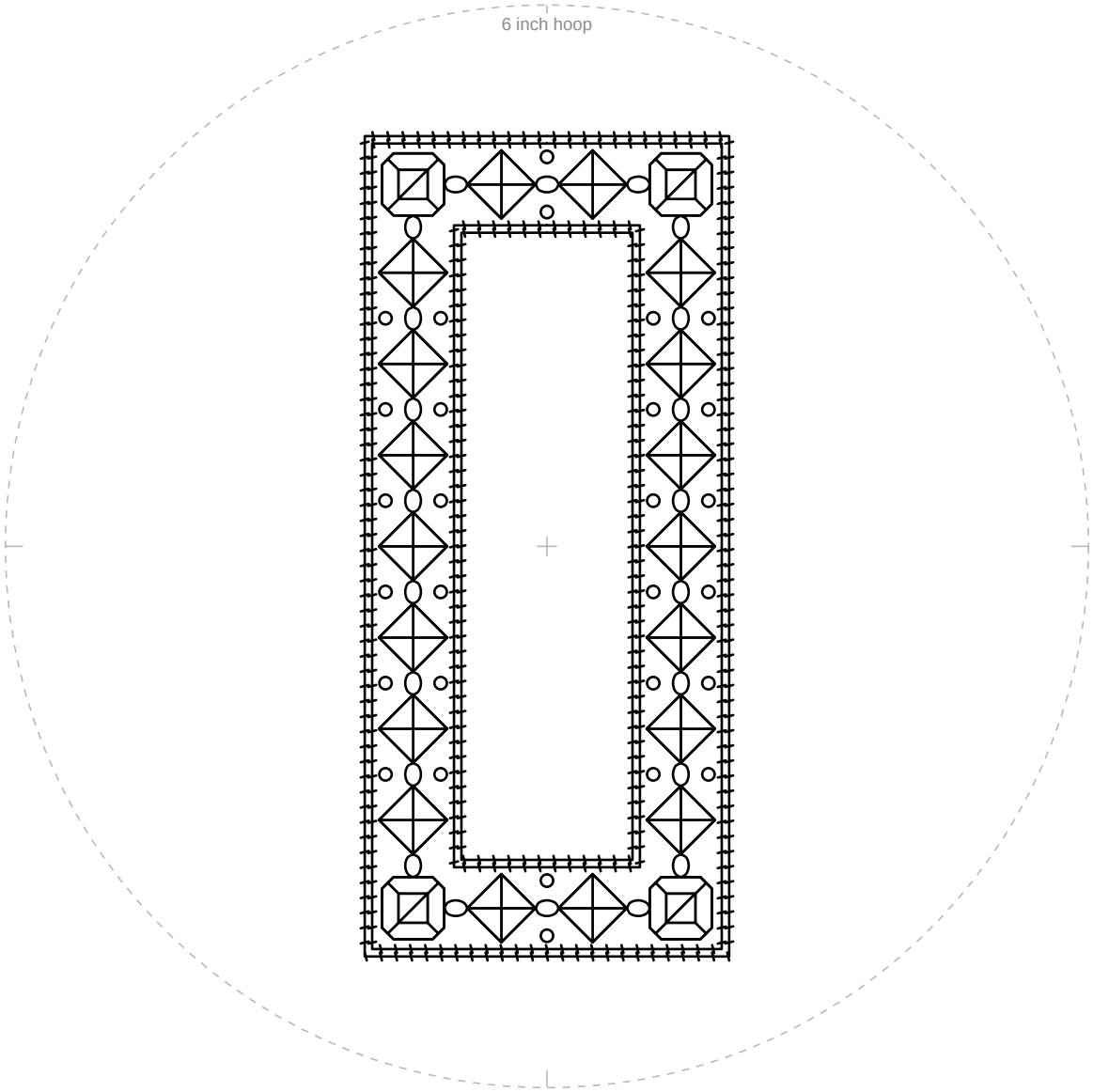
6 inch hoop

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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