Diwali diya border with sequins on teal

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 1.4 in (11.9 × 3.6 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: teal 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 3687 Mauve**
  Lotus petals, scalloped edge and buds (darker)
- **2 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Sequins, lamp rims, stems and bud leaves, scalloped edge (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose**
  Lotus petals and buds (lighter)
- **4 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Flames
- **5 DMC 746 Off White**
  Flame hearts and sequin centers
- **6 DMC 921 Copper**
  Lamp bowls

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Lotus petals, flames, sequins



2. **Chain stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Scalloped edge, lamp bowls, lamp rims, lamp feet



3. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Stems

4. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Flame hearts, buds



5. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Lotus leaves, flame hearts, bud leaves, buds



6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Sequin centers



What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in teal. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3, 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

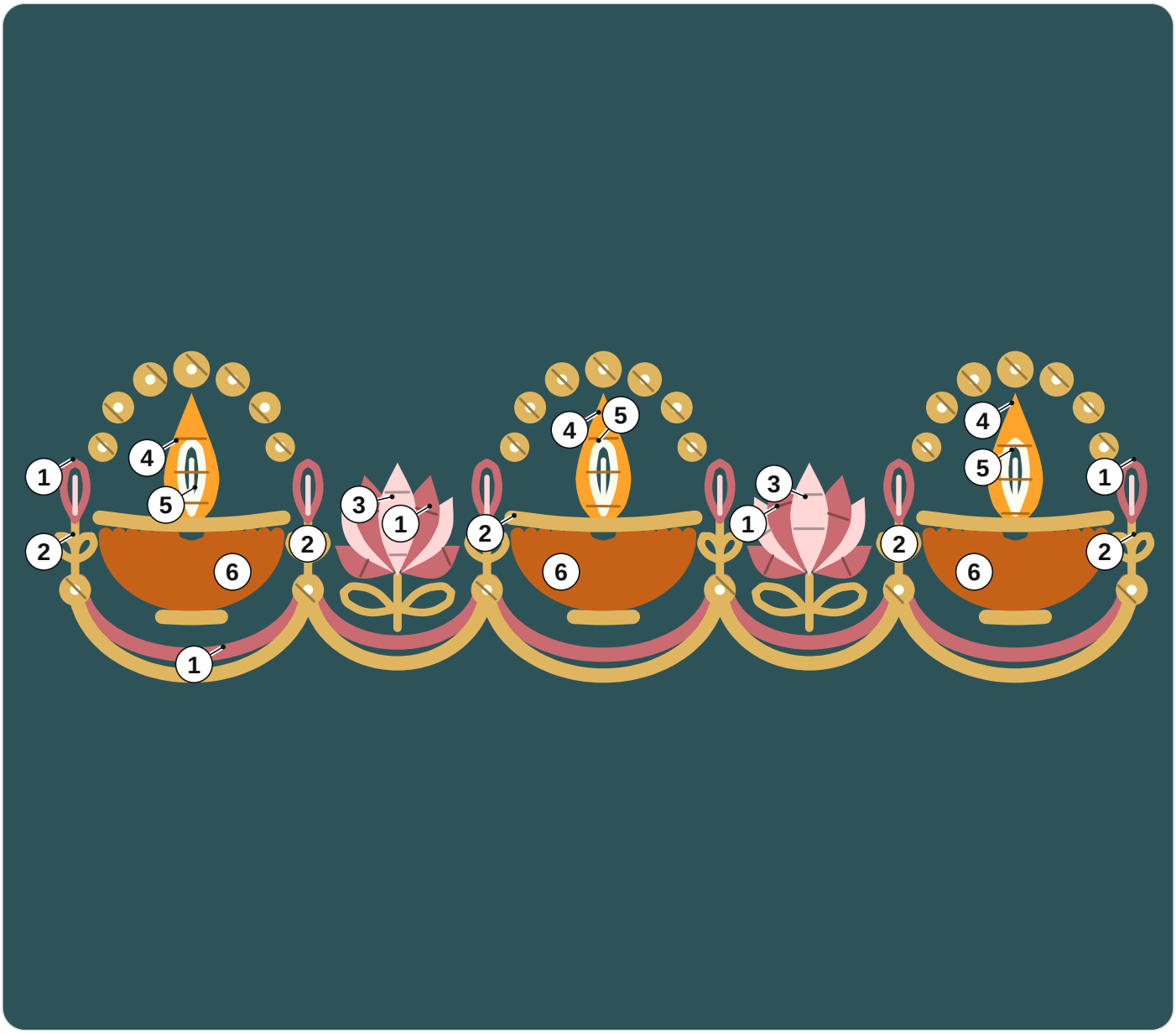
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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

Satin stitch. 2 strands: lotus petals, flames; 1 strand: sequins.
Chain stitch. 4 strands: lamp bowls, lamp rims; 3 strands: scalloped edge, lamp feet.
Lazy daisy stitch. 4 strands: flame hearts, buds; 3 strands: lotus leaves; 2 strands: bud leaves.

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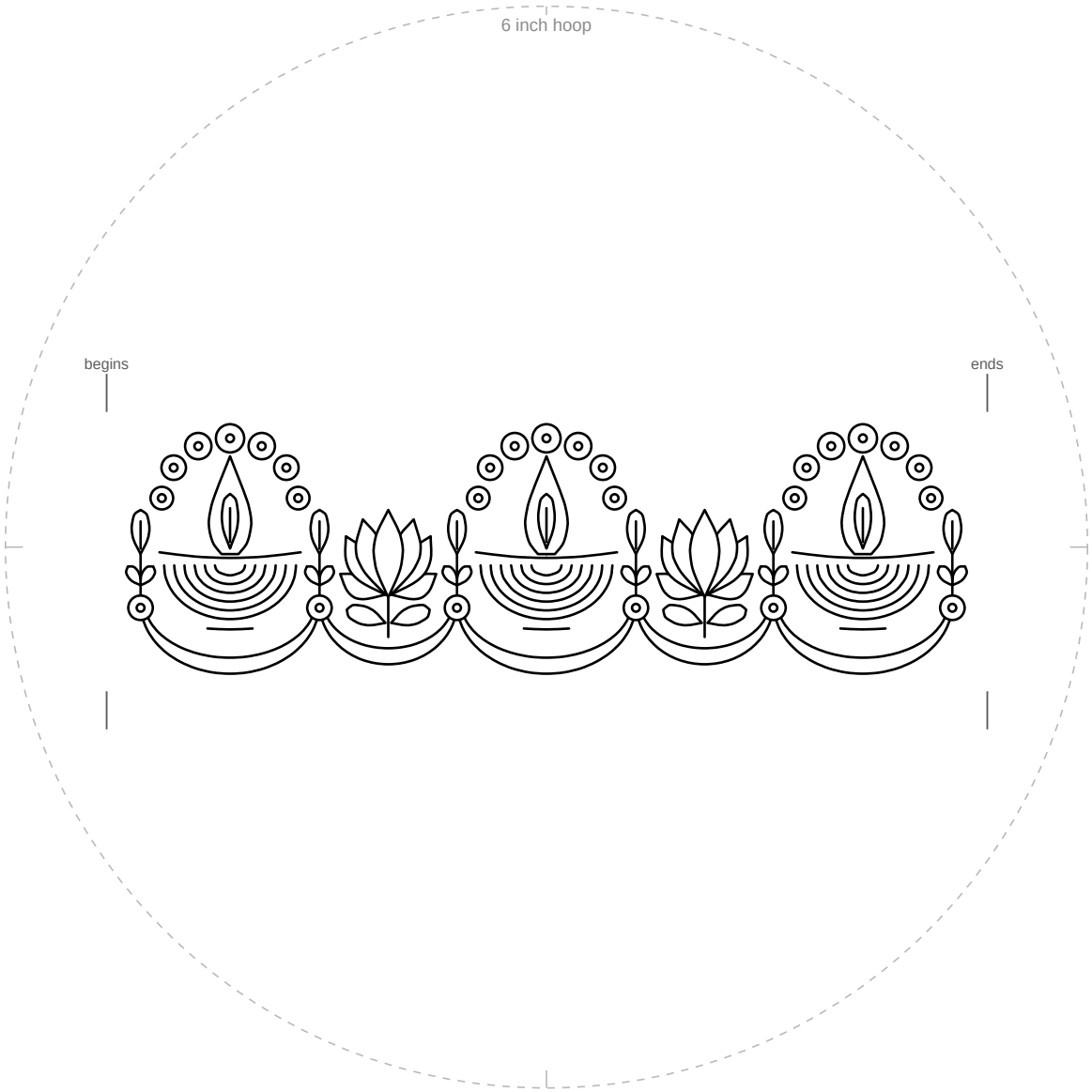
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

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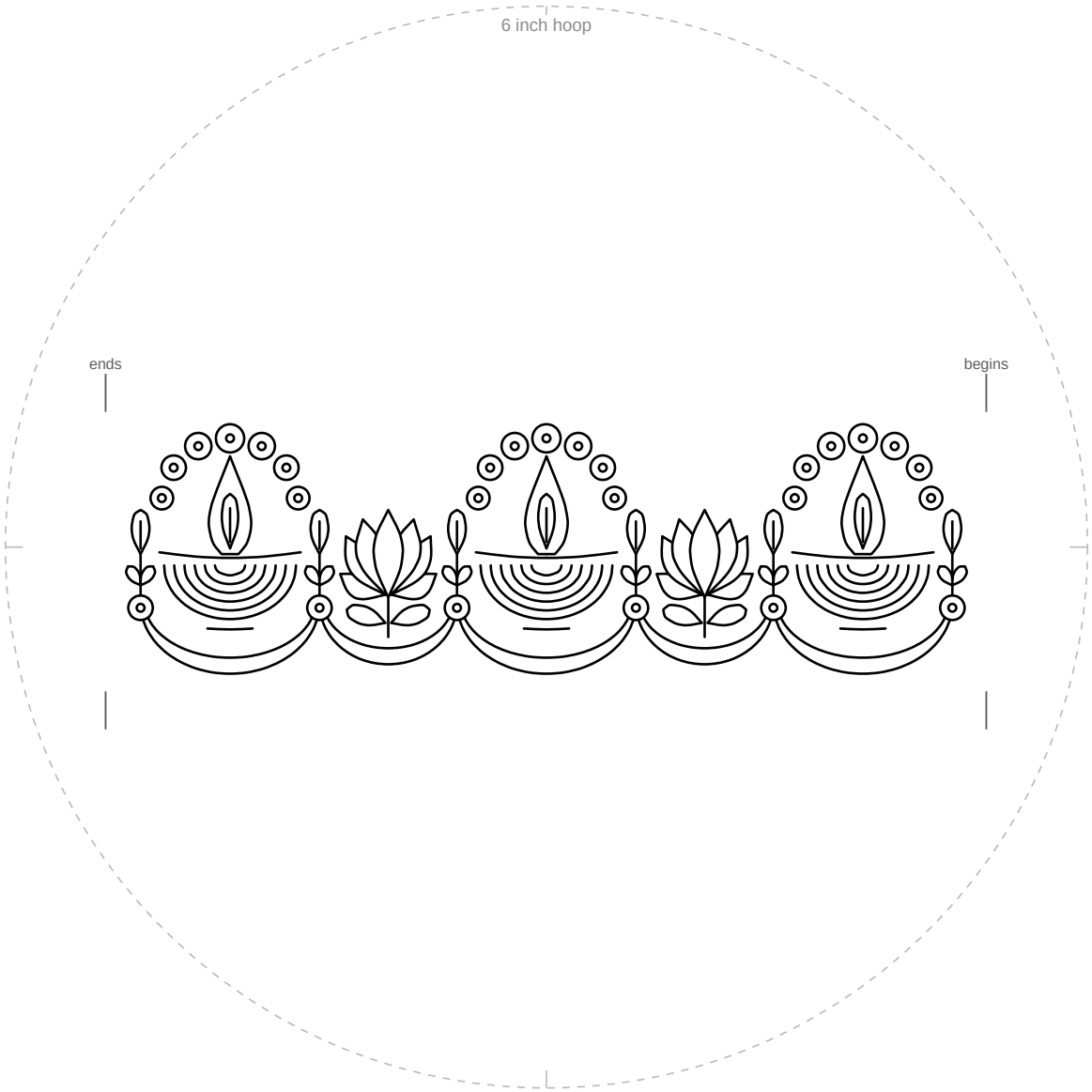
6 inch hoop

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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