Eight-point star sampler

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 7.

5 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, color 2
   Leaves in the points, fringe of leaves



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, color 3
   Diamonds in the points (each in two halves that meet down its middle, each half slanted to the seam)



3. **Buttonhole stitch**
   2 strands, color 5
   Scallops, spokes of the scallops



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 or 3 strands, color 1
   Star, circle

5. **Chain stitch**
   2 or 3 strands, color 1
   Chain stitch circle



6. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 5
   Fans between the points



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 3, 4
   Knots between the points, knots between the scallops



8. **Woven wheel stitch**
   2 strands, color 4
   Star center

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.



1 DMC 336 Navy Blue
2 DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green
3 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
4 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw
5 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise

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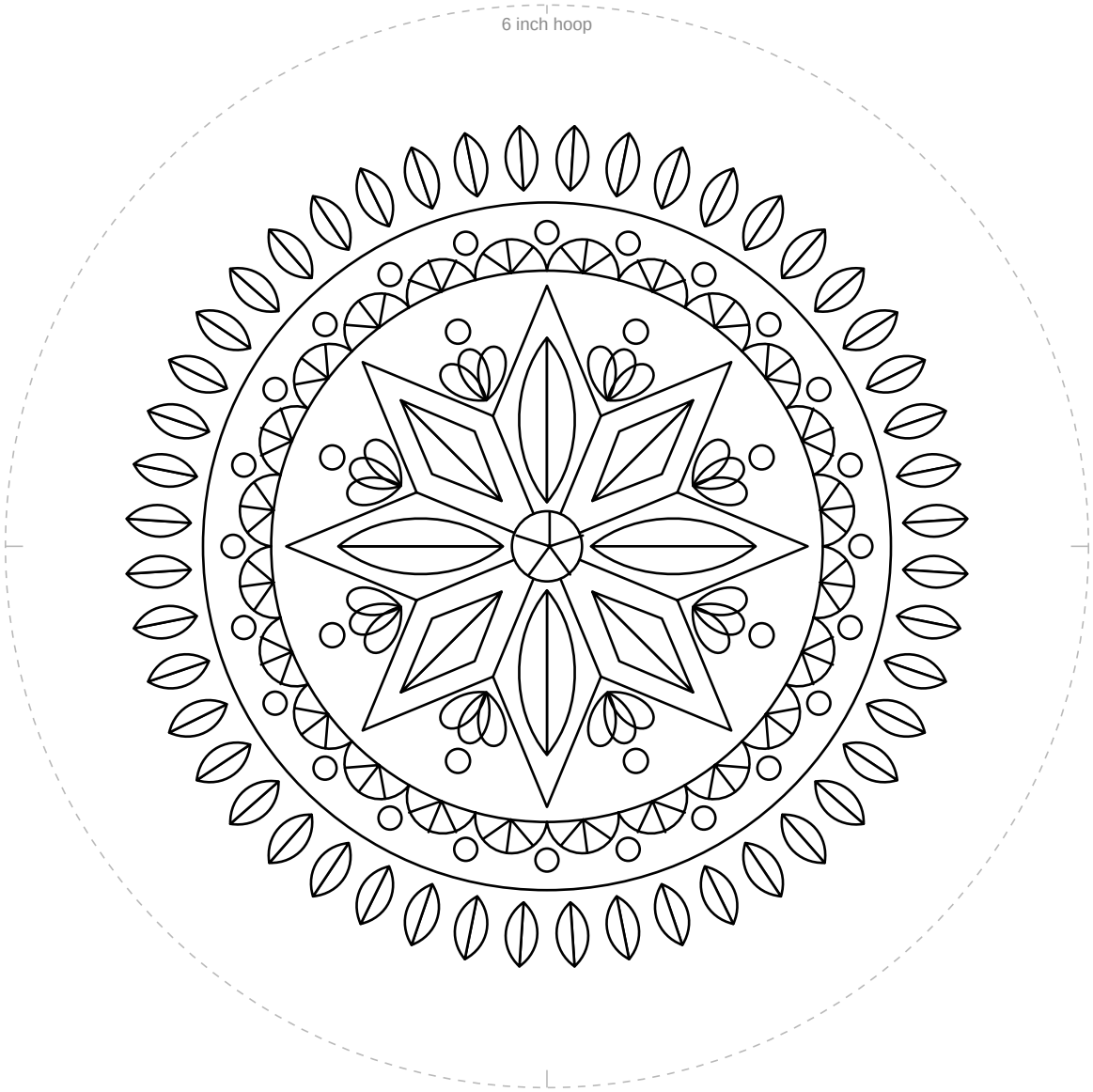
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



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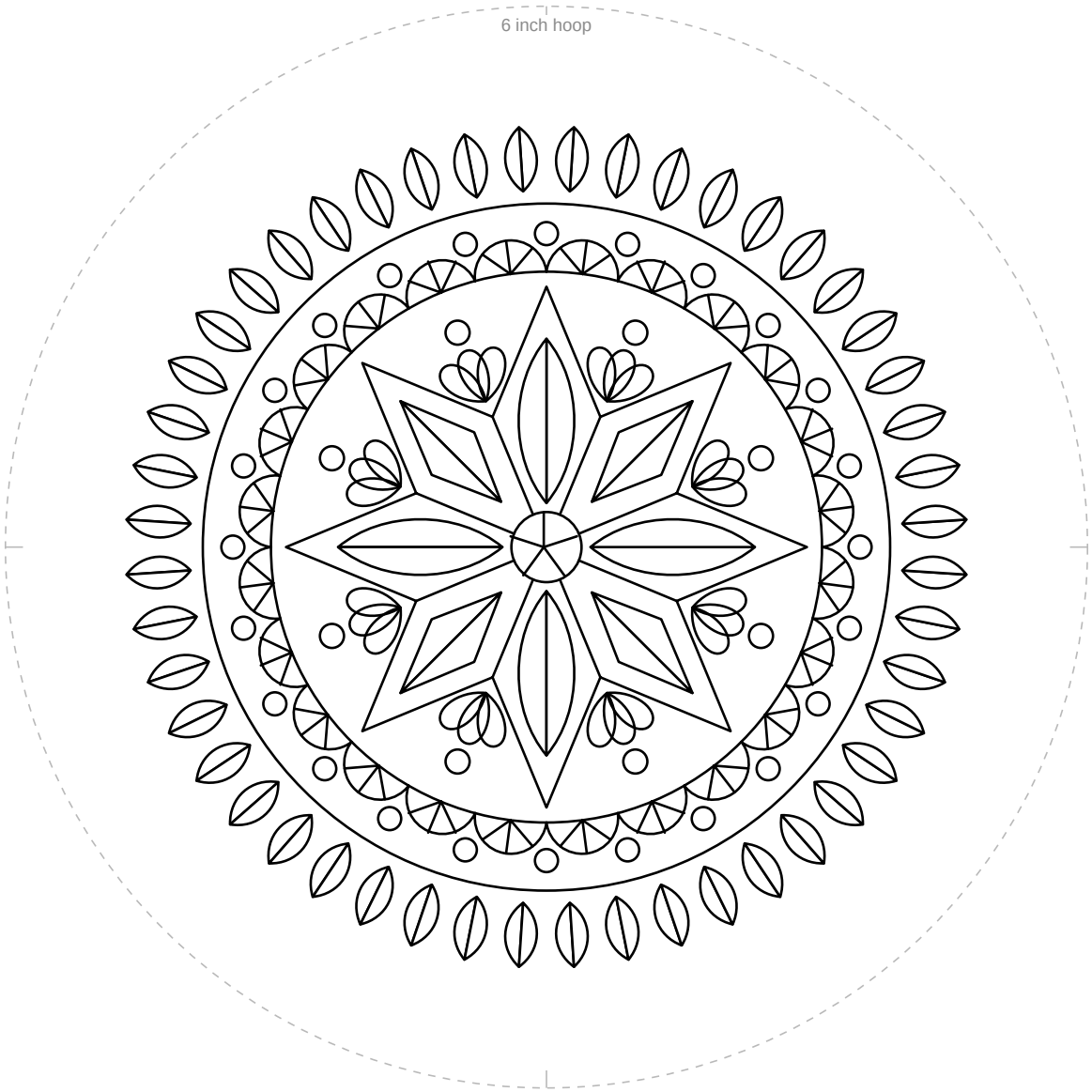
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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