Gingerbread cookie with piped icing

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.8 in (9.7 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

14 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3826; one of each other 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14
   Scalloped icing line, icing swags, icing ring, rose petals, heart icing, cherry hearts, eyelet, ribbon, bow tails, bow insides, bow loops



2. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 10
   Rim drops, cherries, white petals, flower center, icing sprigs, bow knot



3. **Split stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 13, 14
   6 strands: gingerbread, toasted edge, rim
   3 strands: bow loops
   2 strands: bow creases
   1 strand: cherry hearts

4. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 4, 9
   3 strands: swag knots, sprig knots
   2 strands: gold beads, icing knots



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 3826 Golden Brown	**6**	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	**11**	DMC 321 Red
2	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	**7**	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	**12**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
3	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**8**	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	**13**	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
4	DMC 3865 Winter White	**9**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**14**	DMC 666 Bright Red
5	DMC 498 Dark Red	**10**	DMC 563 Light Jade		

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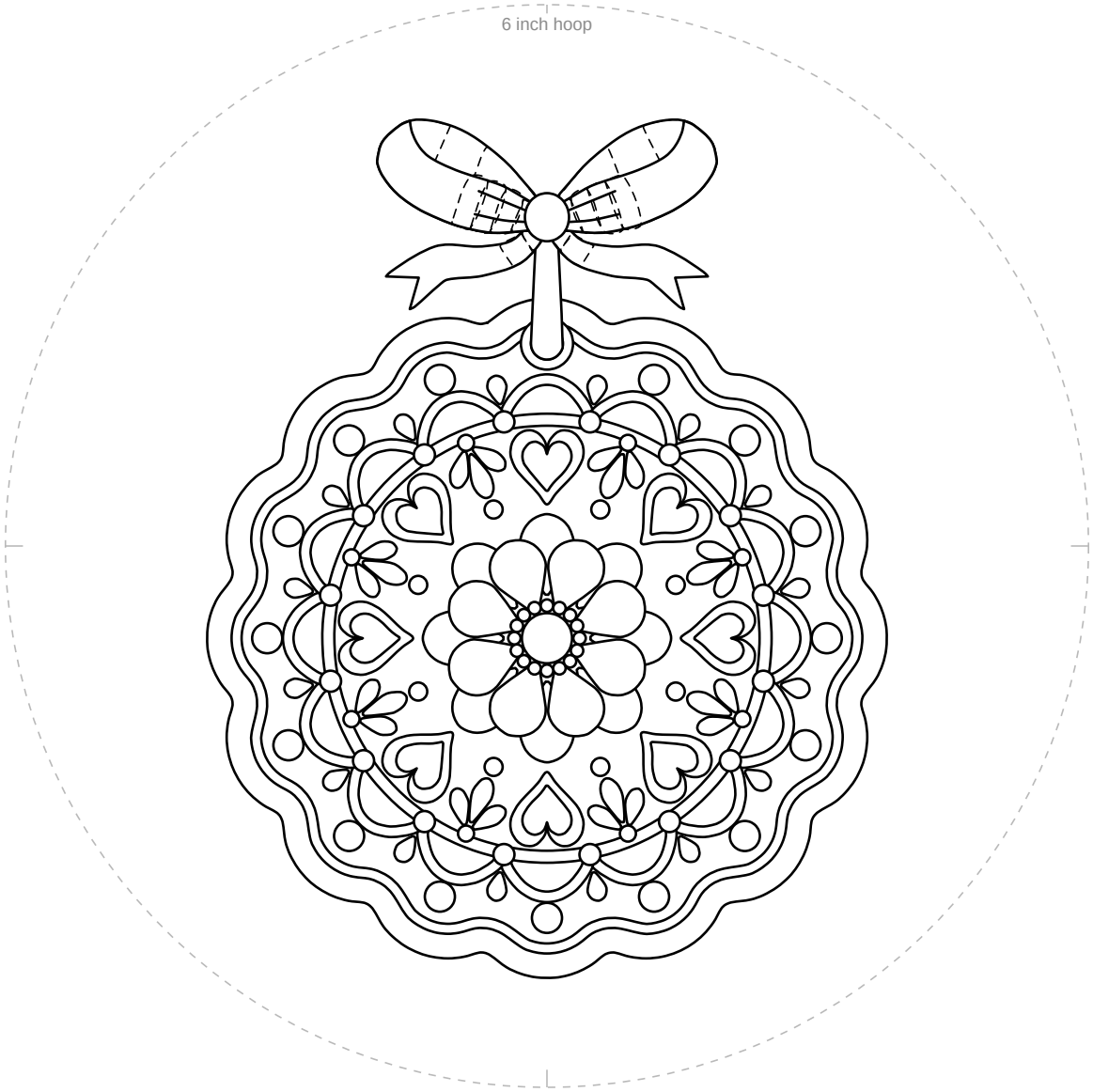
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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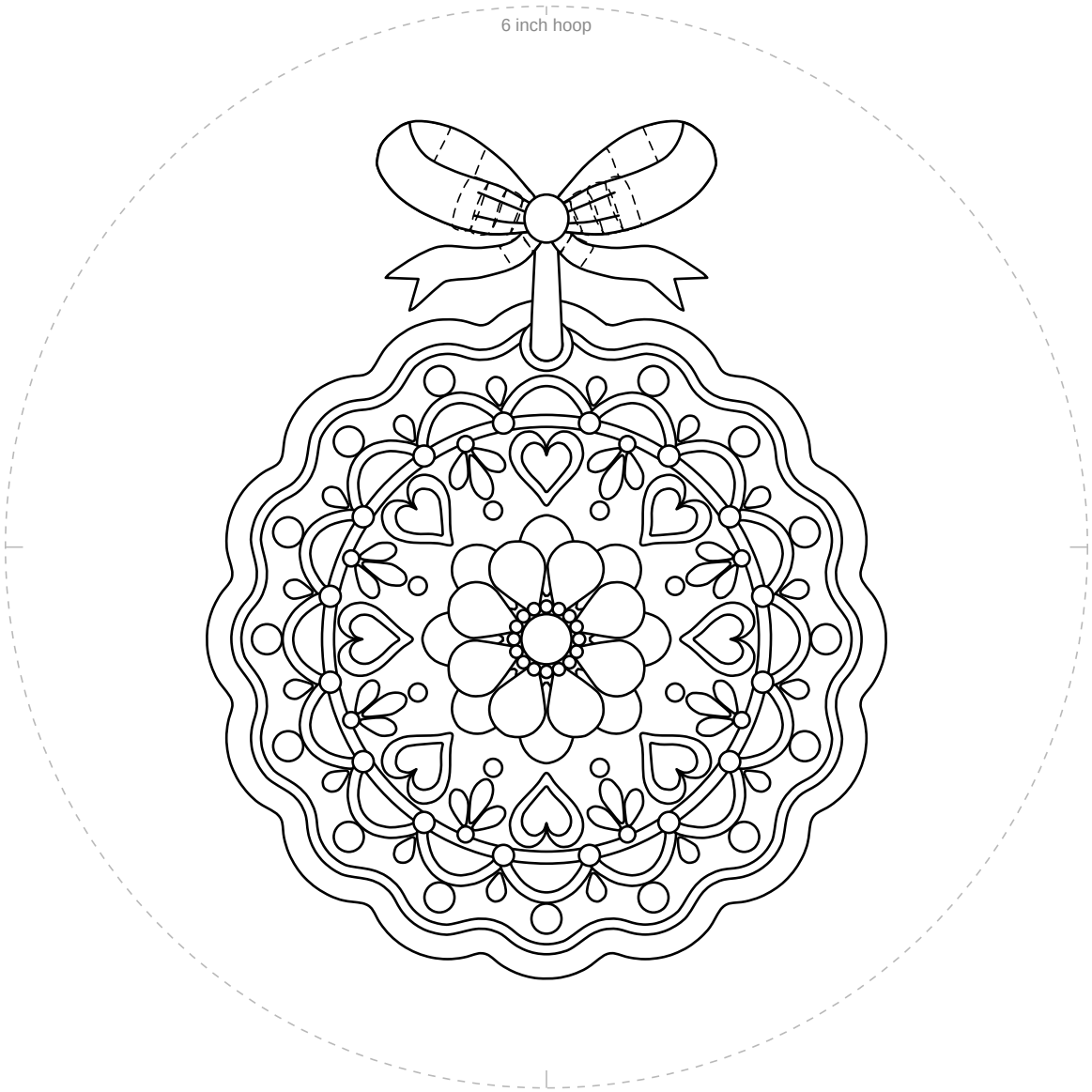
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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