Greek key frame with gold squares

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 3.5 in (8.9 × 8.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

7 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**, 2 strands
   Key, gold squares, square hearts, palmette petals, palmette hearts



2. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 5
   Square edges

Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Couching**, 4 strands, colors 4, 5
   Gold cords, heart edges



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 1, 7
   Petal edges

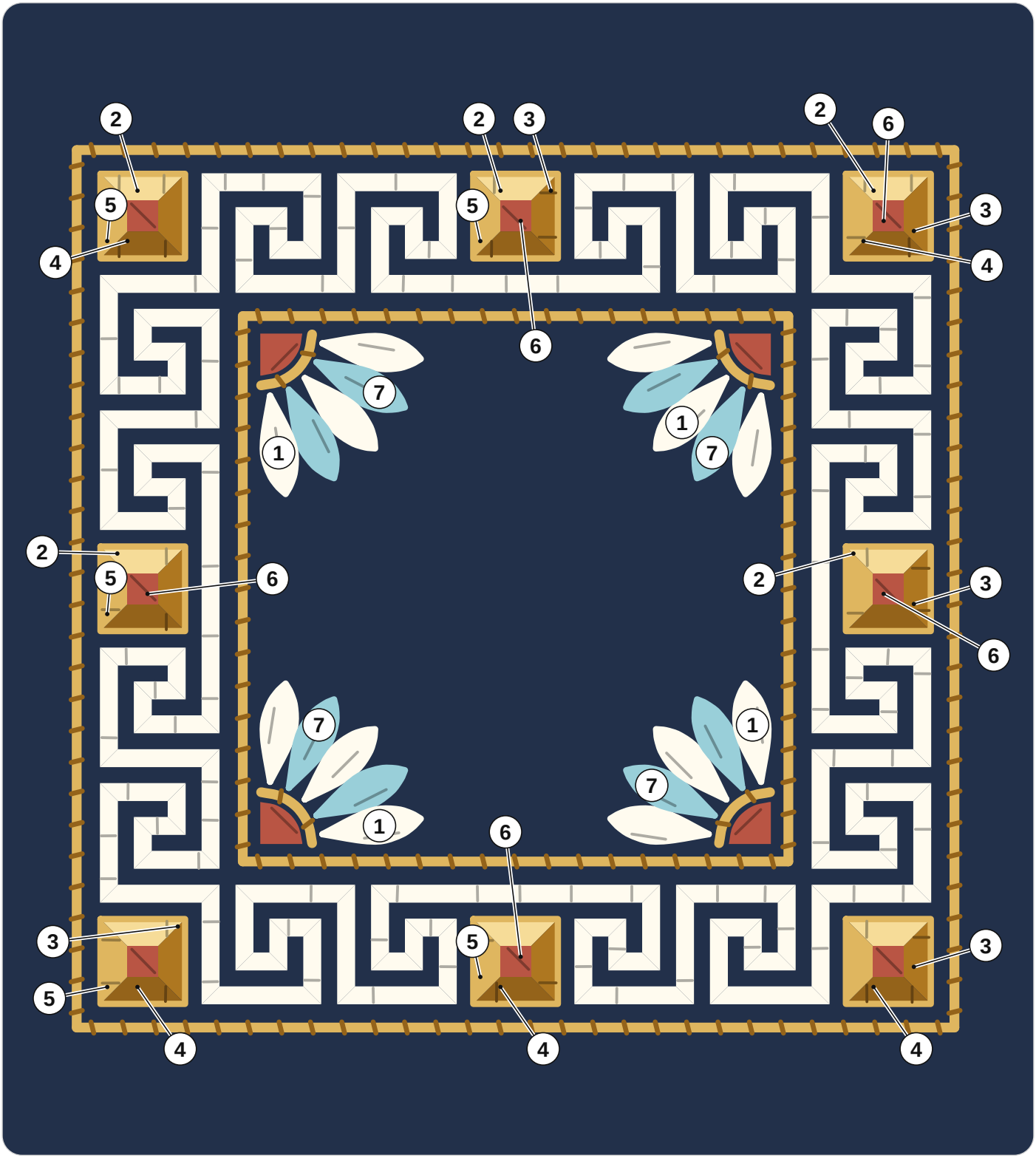
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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



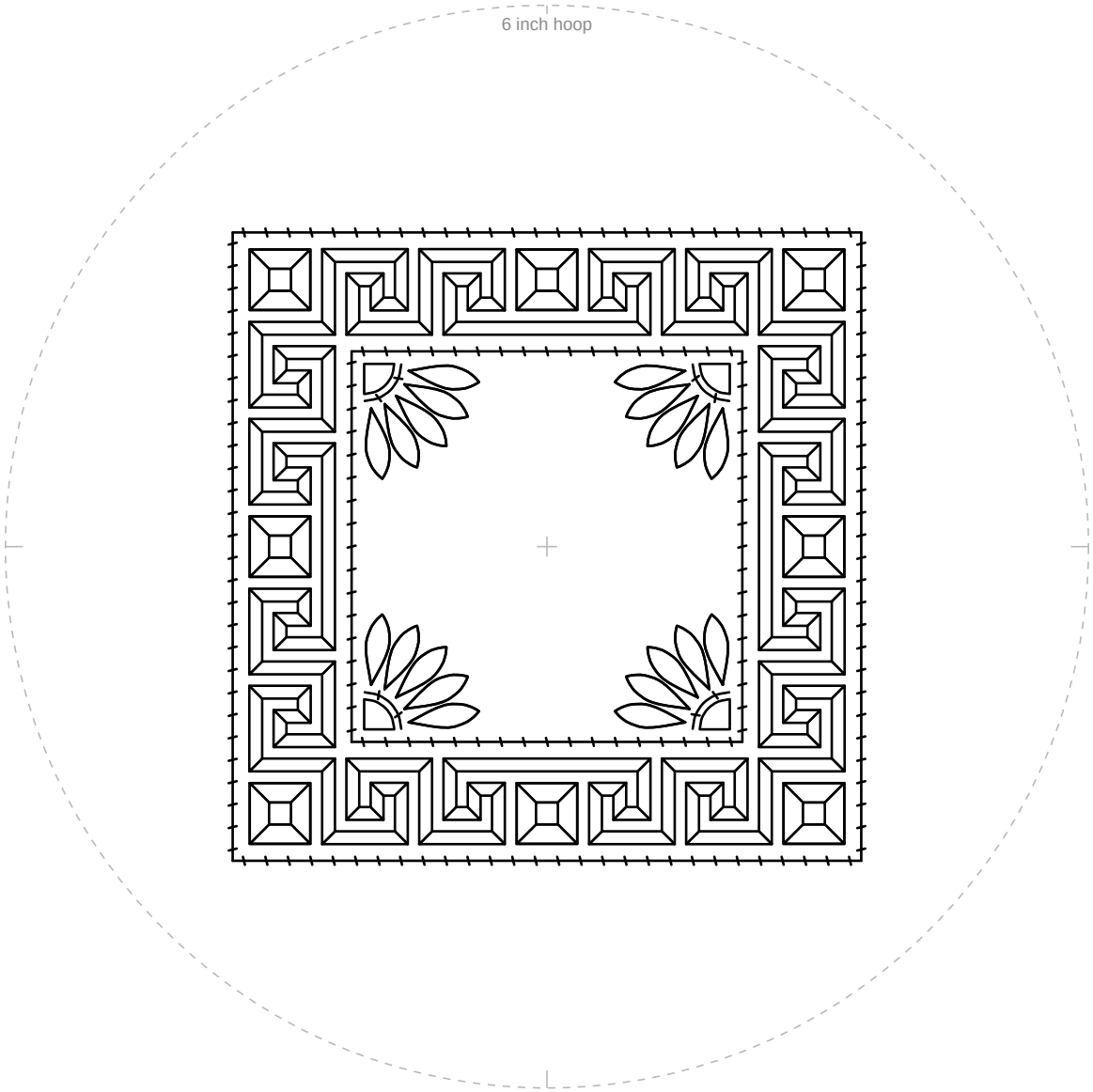
1 DMC 712 Cream	**4** DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**7** DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue
2 DMC 3822 Light Straw	**5** DMC 3820 Dark Straw	
3 DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**6** DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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