Harlequin diamond Easter egg

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Fine twigs

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Twigs, catkin scales, bud cups, hanger, ring, drop, bow loop insides



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Willow catkins, buds, blossom petals, gold cap, ribbon tails, bow loops, bow knot



5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens, drop highlight



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, ribbon edges, ribbon folds

7. **Couching**, 3 strands
   Gold lattice



8. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: egg edge
   2 strands: gold edges

9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cream diamonds, aqua diamonds, rose diamonds, drop



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: stamen knots
    2 strands: blossom centers, pearls



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 841 Light Beige Brown	9	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	17	DMC 597 Turquoise
2	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	10	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	18	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
3	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	11	DMC 3822 Light Straw	19	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
4	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	12	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	20	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown
5	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	13	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	21	DMC 150 Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose
6	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	14	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	22	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
7	DMC BLANC White	15	DMC 712 Cream	23	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
8	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	16	DMC 598 Light Turquoise		

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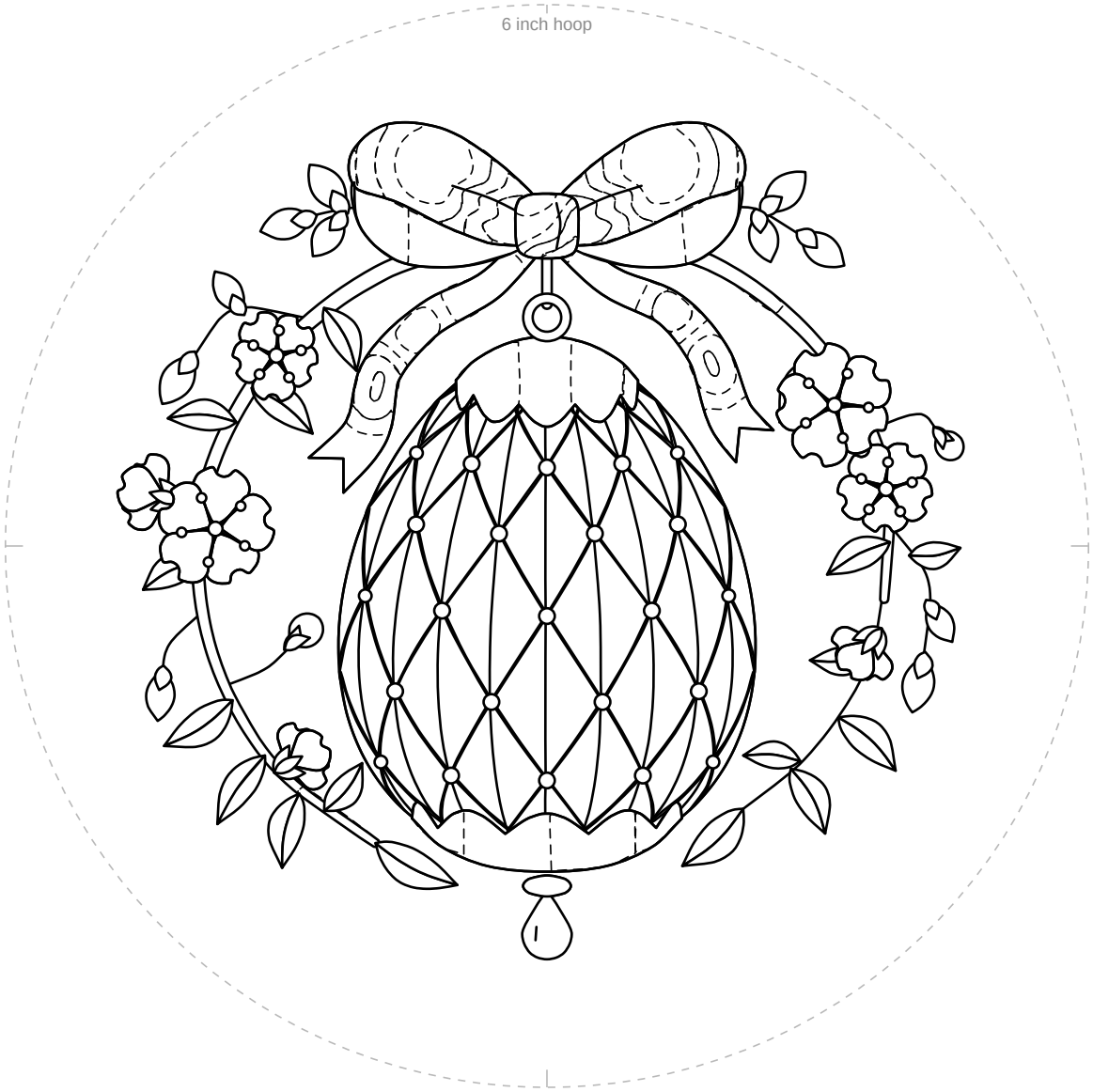
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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