Harlequin diamond medallion

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 5 for 4 strands.

20 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
   Star diamonds, second ring, third ring, fourth ring, rim diamonds



2. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands, color 4
   Gold line

Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 4
   Center bead, gold beads



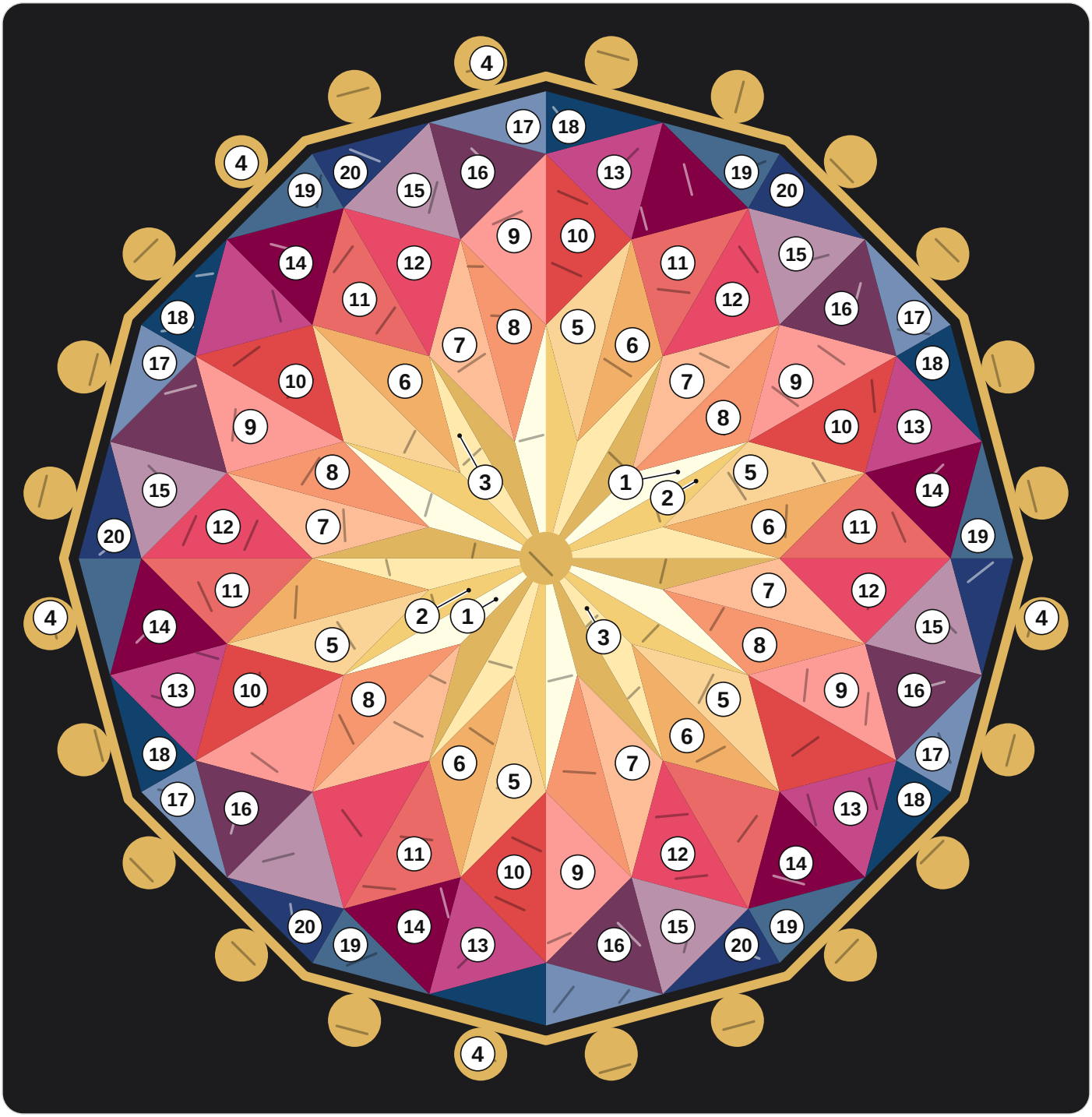
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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



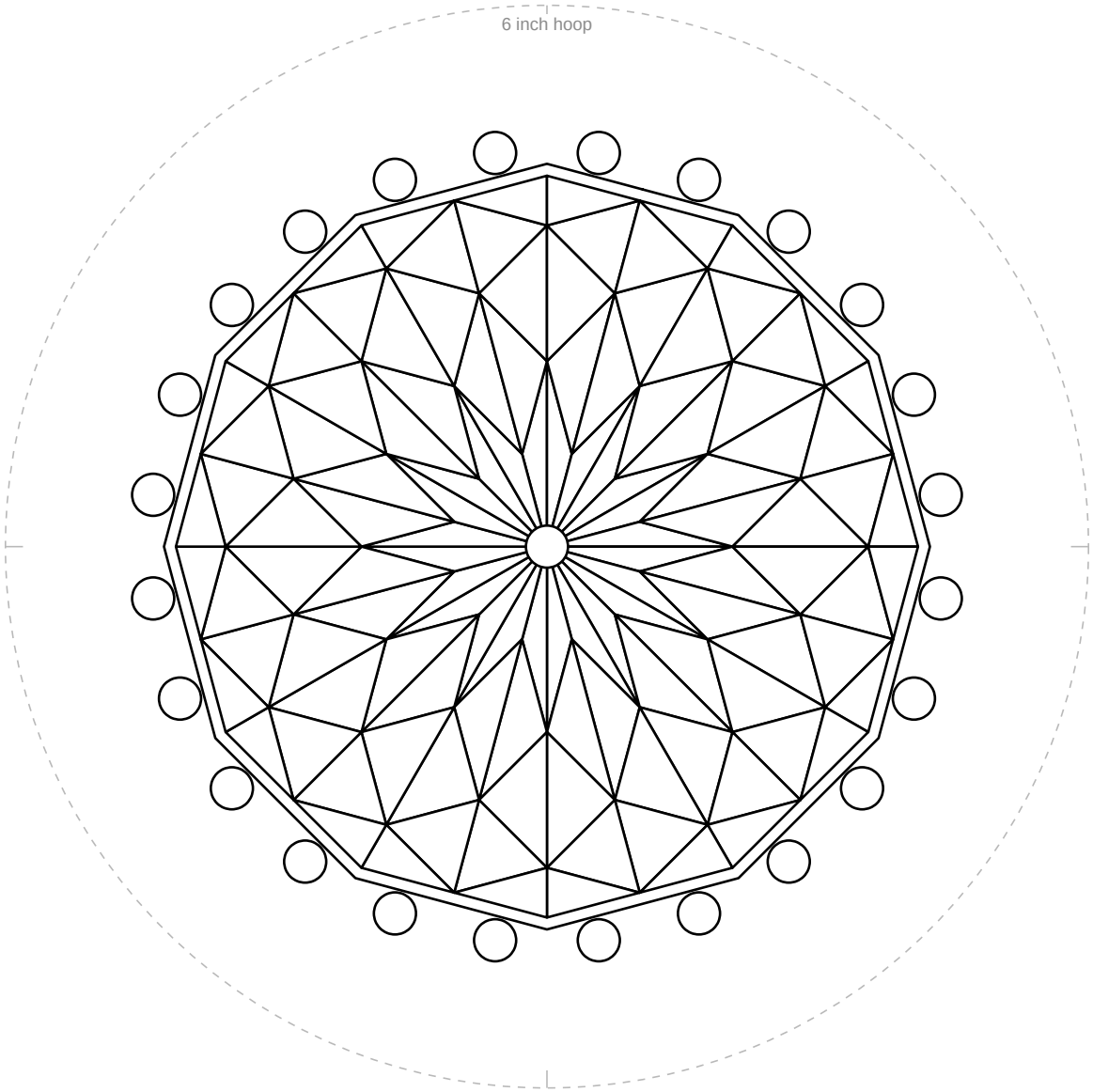
1	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	8	DMC 722 Light Orange Spice	15	DMC 3836 Light Grape
2	DMC 3821 Straw	9	DMC 352 Light Coral	16	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
3	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	10	DMC 350 Medium Coral	17	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 351 Coral	18	DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue
5	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	12	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	19	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue
6	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold	13	DMC 3607 Light Plum	20	DMC 336 Navy Blue
7	DMC 3825 Pale Pumpkin	14	DMC 915 Dark Plum		

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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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