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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Bud leaves, shoulder leaves, center drop leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Lotus buds, bud cups, paisley borders, paisley lotuses, tassel caps, shoulder lotuses, center drop border, center lotus, neck band, outer neck band
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Paisley hearts, center drop heart
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bud stems, paisley inner edges, center drop inner edge
5. **Couching**, strands by part on page 2
   Paisley edges, center drop edge, neck edges
6. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Tassels
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Paisley seeds, paisley pearls, tassel beads, center drop seeds, center drop pearls, neck pearls

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Bud cups and bud stems, bud leaves, shoulder leaves and center drop leaves (lighter)
- **2 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Bud leaves, shoulder leaves and center drop leaves (darker)
- **3 DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry**
  Lotus buds (darker), paisley lotuses, shoulder lotuses and center lotus (middle)
- **4 DMC 3716 Very Light Rose**
  Lotus buds (lighter), paisley lotuses, shoulder lotuses and center lotus (light)
- **5 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry**
  Paisley borders and center drop border (middle), tassel beads (darker)
- **6 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Paisley borders and center drop border (dark)
- **7 DMC 326 Very Dark Rose**
  Paisley borders and center drop border (light), neck band
- **8 DMC 712 Cream** Paisley hearts and center drop heart (lighter)
- **9 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Paisley hearts and center drop heart (darker)
- **10 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Paisley edges and neck edges (lighter), paisley inner edges and 4 more parts
- **11 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Shoulder lotuses, paisley lotuses and center lotus (dark)
- **12 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Paisley edges, neck edges and center drop edge (darker)
- **13 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Paisley seeds and center drop seeds, tassels (lighter)
- **14 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Paisley pearls, neck pearls and center drop pearls, tassel beads (lighter)
- **15 DMC 3812 Very Dark Seagreen** Outer neck band

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Satin stitch. 2 strands: paisley borders, tassel caps, center drop border, neck band, outer neck band; 1 strand: lotus buds, bud cups, paisley lotuses, shoulder lotuses, center lotus.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: bud stems; 2 strands: paisley inner edges, center drop inner edge.
Couching. 6 strands: center drop edge; 4 or 6 strands: neck edges; 4 strands: paisley edges.
French knot. 2 strands: tassel beads, center drop pearls, neck pearls; 1 or 2 strands: paisley seeds, paisley pearls; 1 strand: center drop seeds.

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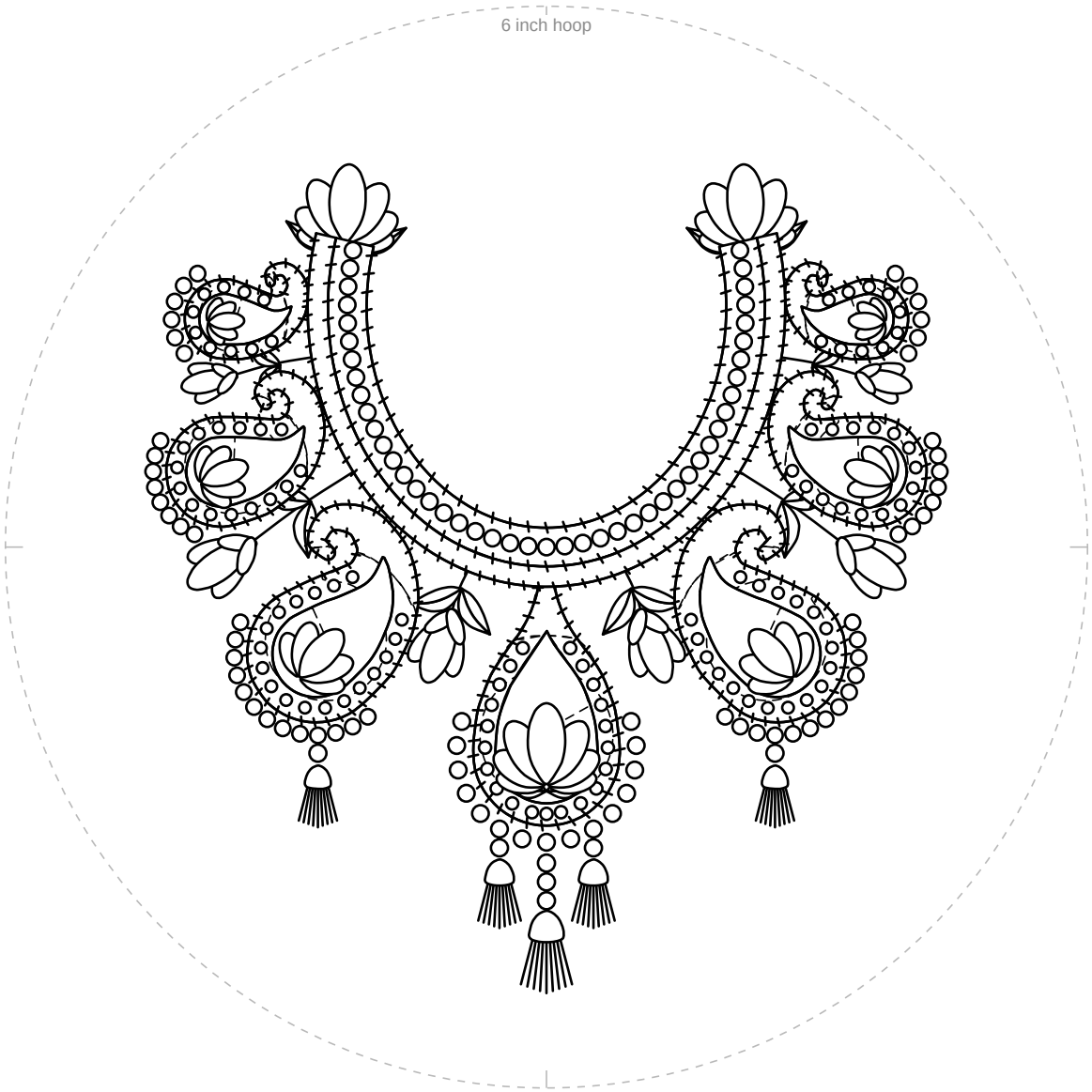
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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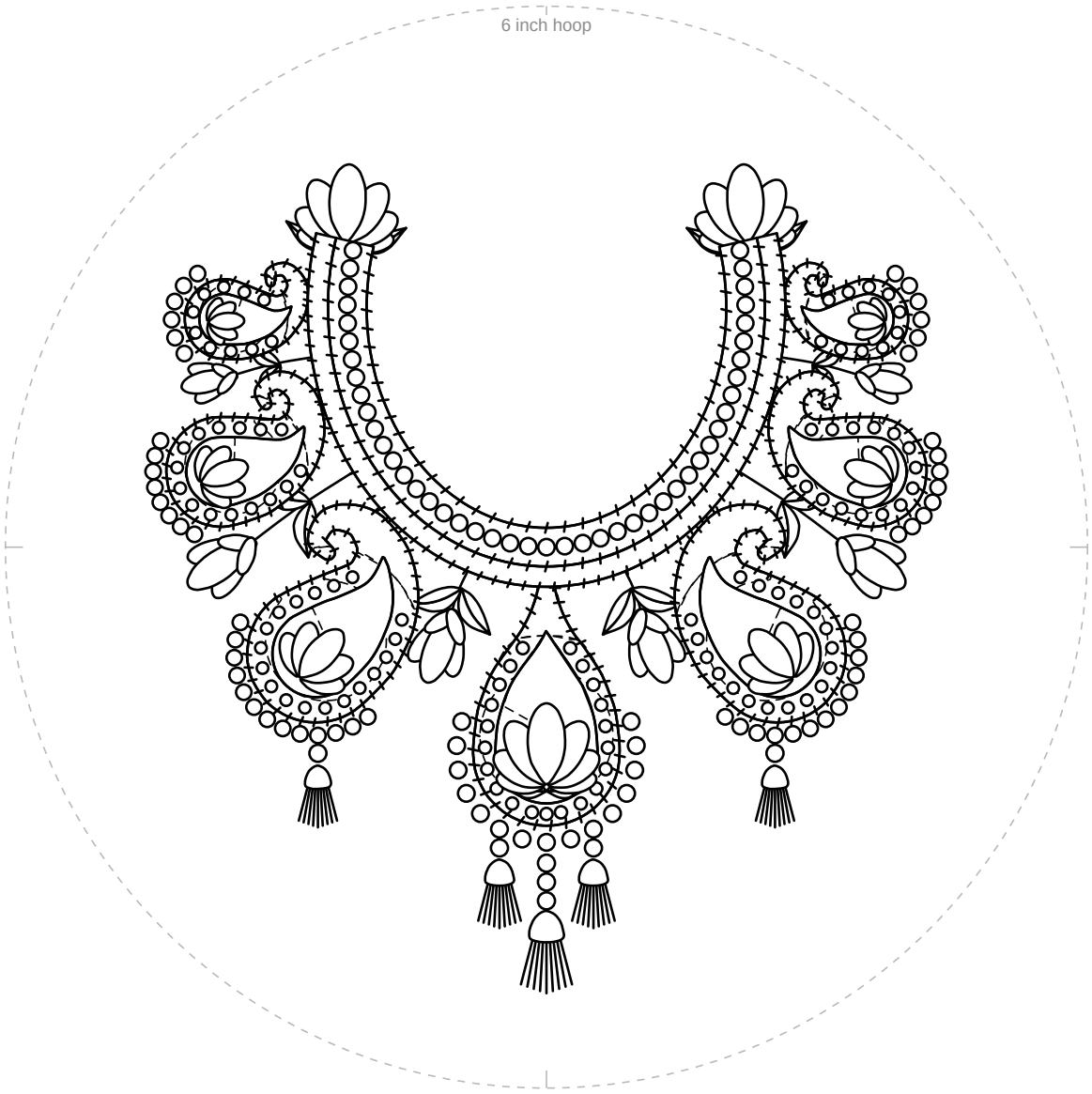
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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