Irish Celtic knot edging

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 3.8 in (9.7 × 9.7 cm).



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

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 913 Medium Nile Green**
  Long green ribbons (lighter)
- **2 DMC 912 Light Emerald Green**
  Long green ribbons (darker)
- **3 DMC 909 Very Dark Emerald Green**
  Long green ribbons edges
- **4 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Corner rings and trinity knot (lighter)
- **5 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Outer line, corner rings and trinity knot (darker)
- **6 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Corner rings edges and trinity knot edges
- **7 DMC 746 Off White**
  Side rings (lighter), outer knots
- **8 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Side rings (darker)
- **9 DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige**
  Side rings edges

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Long green ribbons, corner rings, side rings, trinity knot



2. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Long green ribbons edges, corner rings edges, side rings edges, trinity knot edges

3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Outer line



4. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Outer knots



What you need

Advanced. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in dark green. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

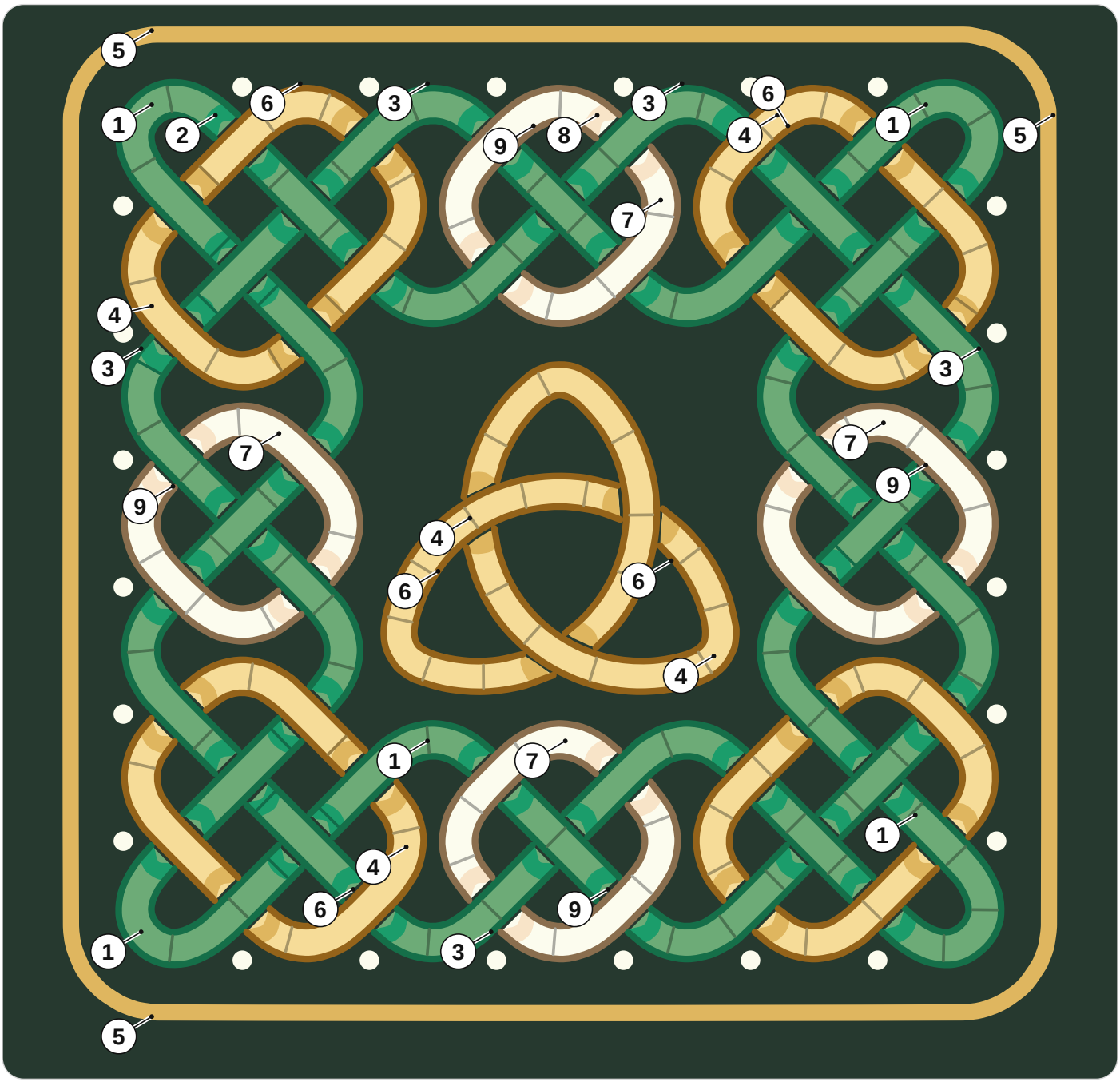
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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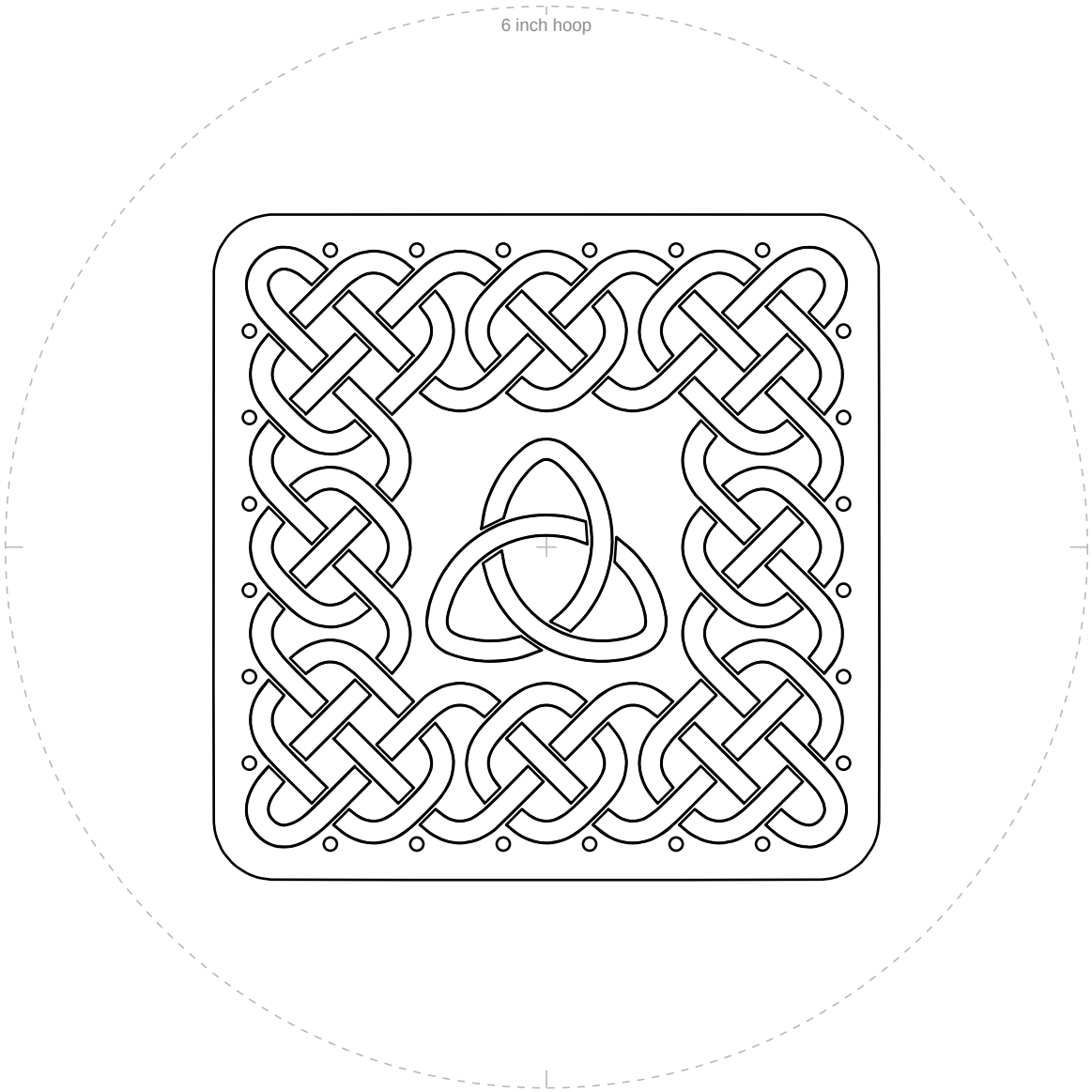
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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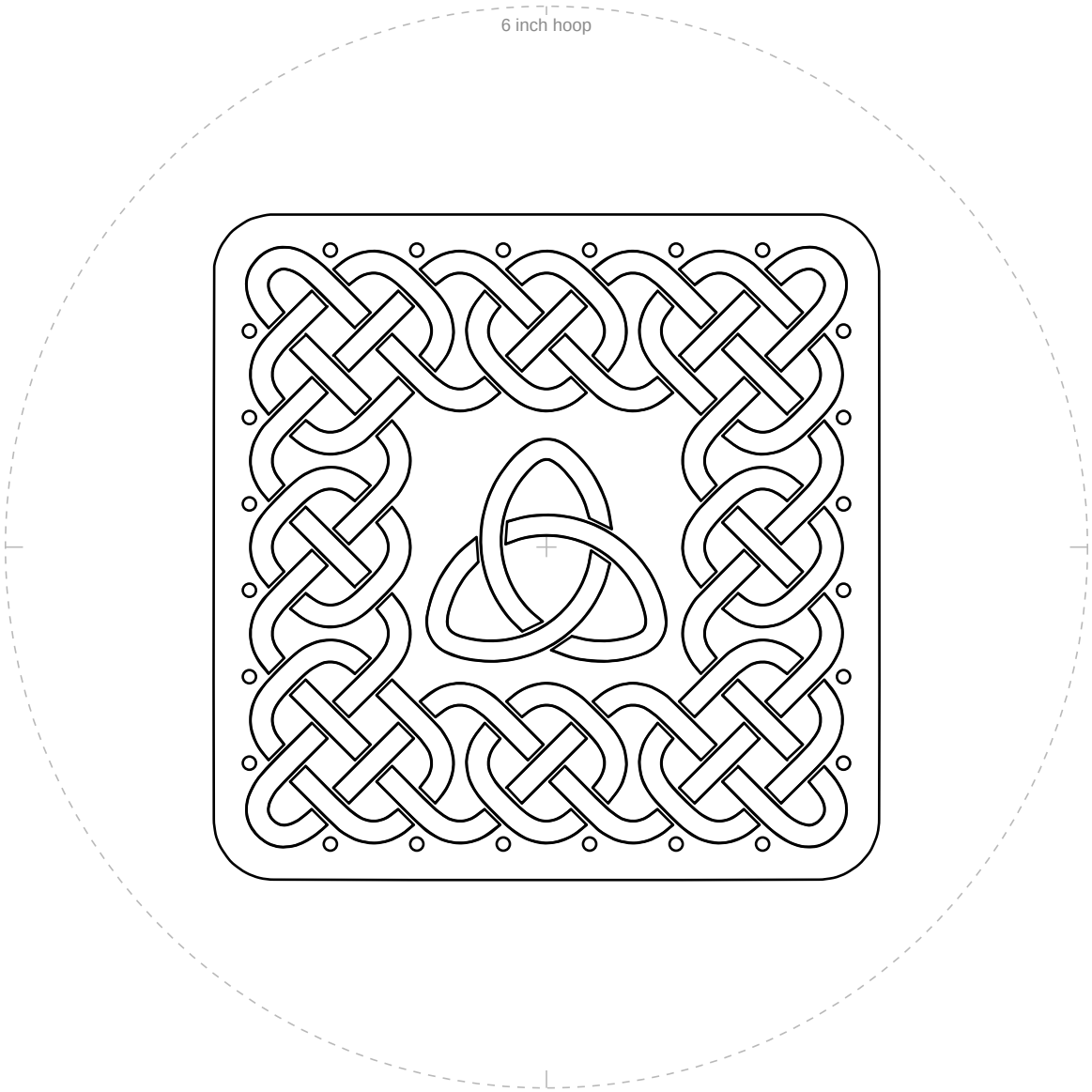
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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