Kasuti style peacock, geometric tail

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.3 in (11.7 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: wine red 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 3847 Dark Teal Green**
  Feather rays
- **2 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Barbs (lighter), fan ribs, fan rim, base and feather ties and 5 more parts
- **3 DMC 911 Medium Emerald Green**
  Barbs and base bars (darker), plant leaves and thighs, scales (dark)
- **4 DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise**
  Eye frames and crest, scales (light), base diamonds and base bars (lighter)
- **5 DMC 3805 Cyclamen Pink**
  Eye hearts and plant buds, wing bars (dark), base diamonds (darker)
- **6 DMC 712 Cream**
  Bird outline, rim diamonds, wing edge, crest tips and eye
- **7 DMC 3843 Electric Blue**
  Scales and wing bars (middle), head
- **8 DMC 310 Black**
  Pupil

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Feather rays, feather ties, barbs, eye frames, eye hearts, rim diamonds, head, scales, wing bars, beak, eye, crest tips, thighs, base bars, and 3 more
2. **Holbein stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Fan ribs, fan rim, rim stems, bird outline, wing edge, crest, legs, base, plant stems
3. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Pupil

What you need

Advanced. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in wine red. Embroidery needle: size 7. 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.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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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How many strands

Holbein stitch. 3 strands: fan rim, bird outline, legs, base; 2 strands: fan ribs, rim stems, wing edge, crest, plant stems.

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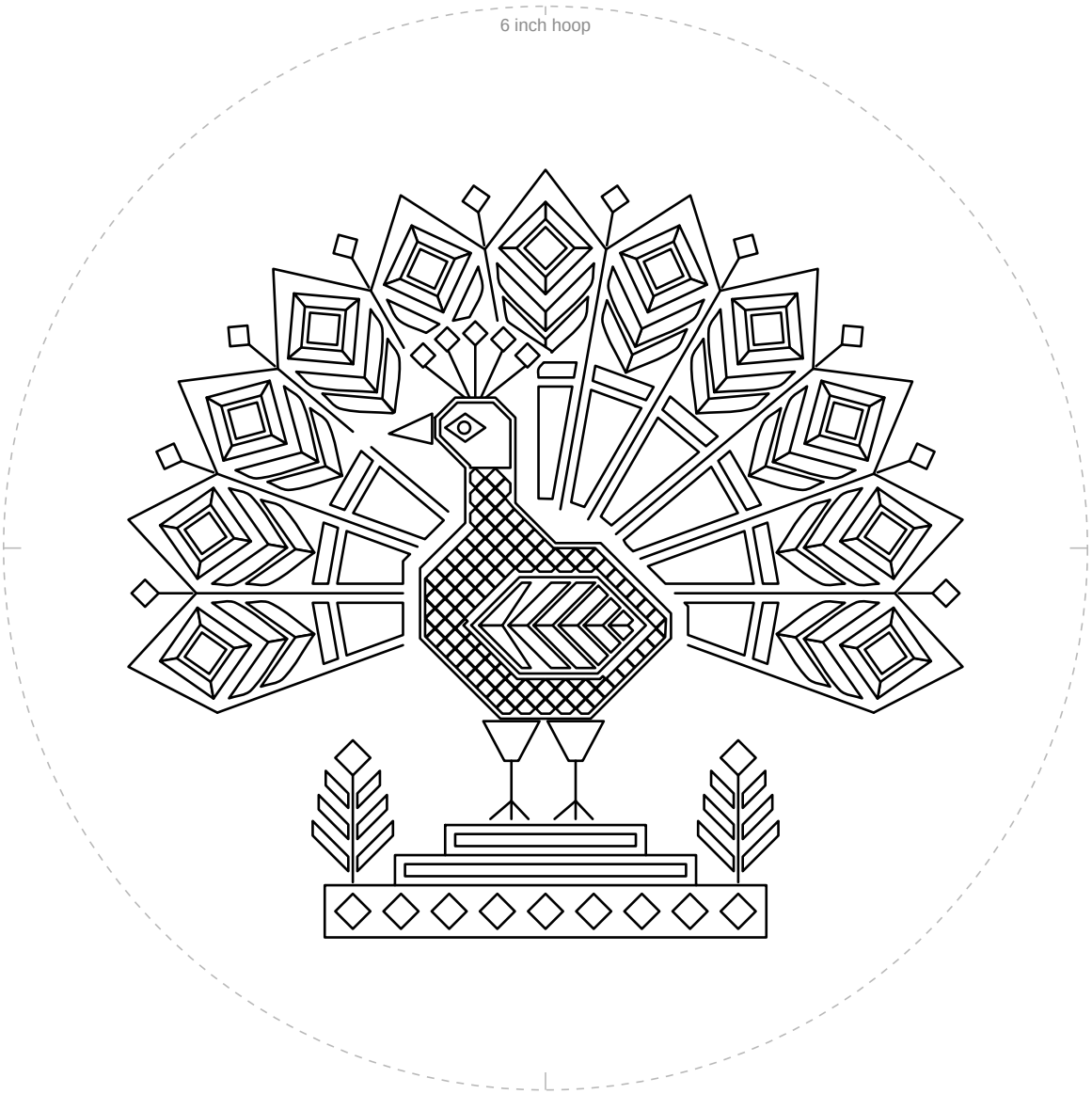
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
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Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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6 inch hoop

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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