Kasuti style saree border with parrots

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 2.2 in (11.4 × 5.6 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 3851 Light Bright Green**
  Parrot bodies, leaves, feather lines and chain hearts, jewels (middle) and 1 more part
- **2 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Spire outlines, diamond chains, flower outlines and parrot outlines and 9 more parts
- **3 DMC 351 Coral**
  Temple spires and pots, flower petals (lighter), jewels (dark) and 6 more parts
- **4 DMC 712 Cream**
  Rails, wing feathers, flower hearts and parrot eyes, jewels (light), drops (lighter)
- **5 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Flower petals (darker)
- **6 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Leaf outlines and stems

Stitch in this order

1. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Parrot bodies, parrot collars, parrot bills, wing shoulders, wing bars, wing feathers, parrot tails, flower petals, flower hearts, and 8 more
2. **Holbein stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Parrot eyes, parrot outlines, tail outlines, feather lines, wing outlines, legs, flower outlines, stems, leaf outlines, pot outlines, and 5 more

What you need

Easy. 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

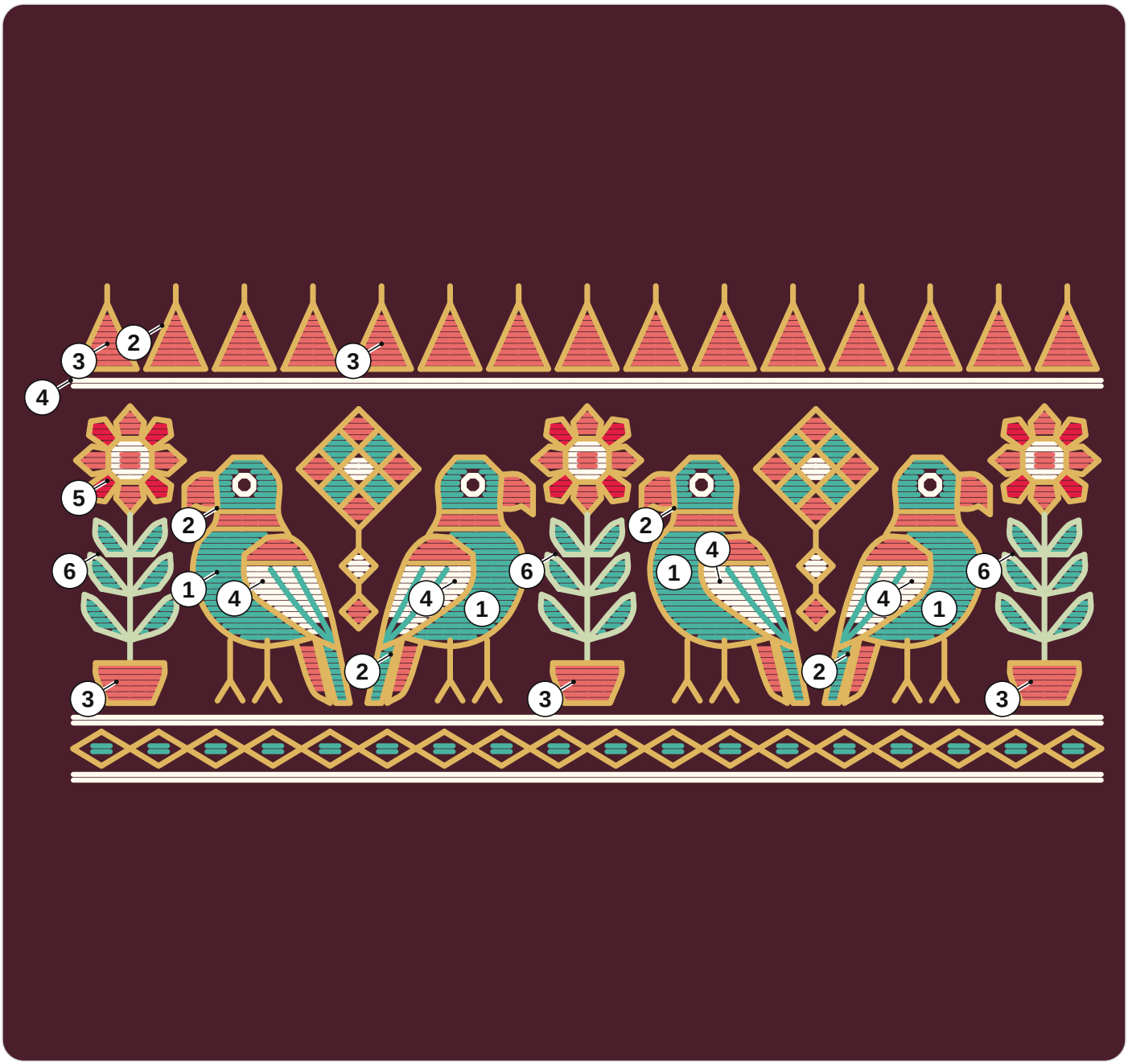
How to read it

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

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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

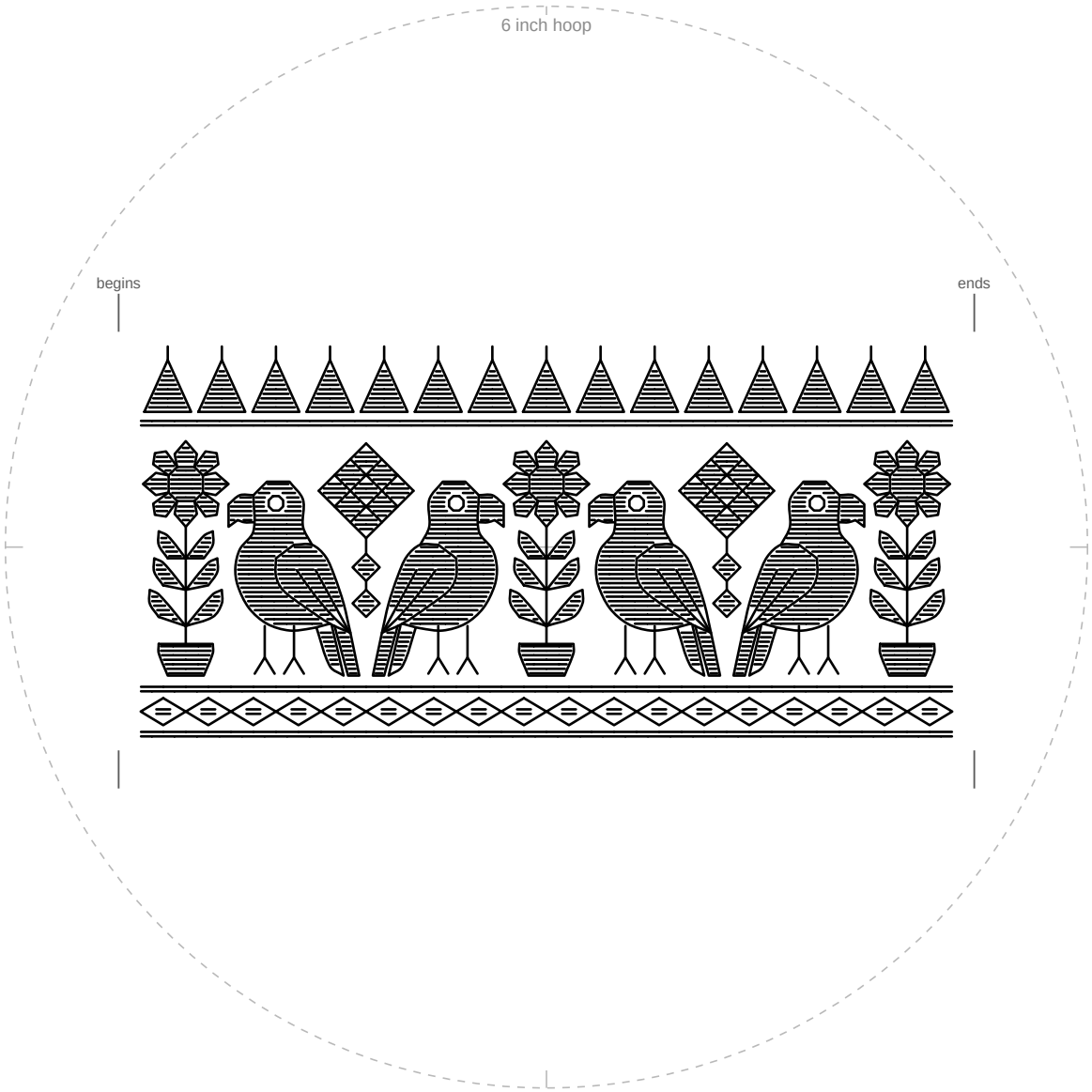
Holbein stitch. 3 strands: stems; 2 strands: parrot eyes, parrot outlines, tail outlines, feather lines, wing outlines, legs, flower outlines, leaf outlines, pot outlines, jewel outlines, hanging cords, drop outlines, spire outlines, diamond chains.

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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

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

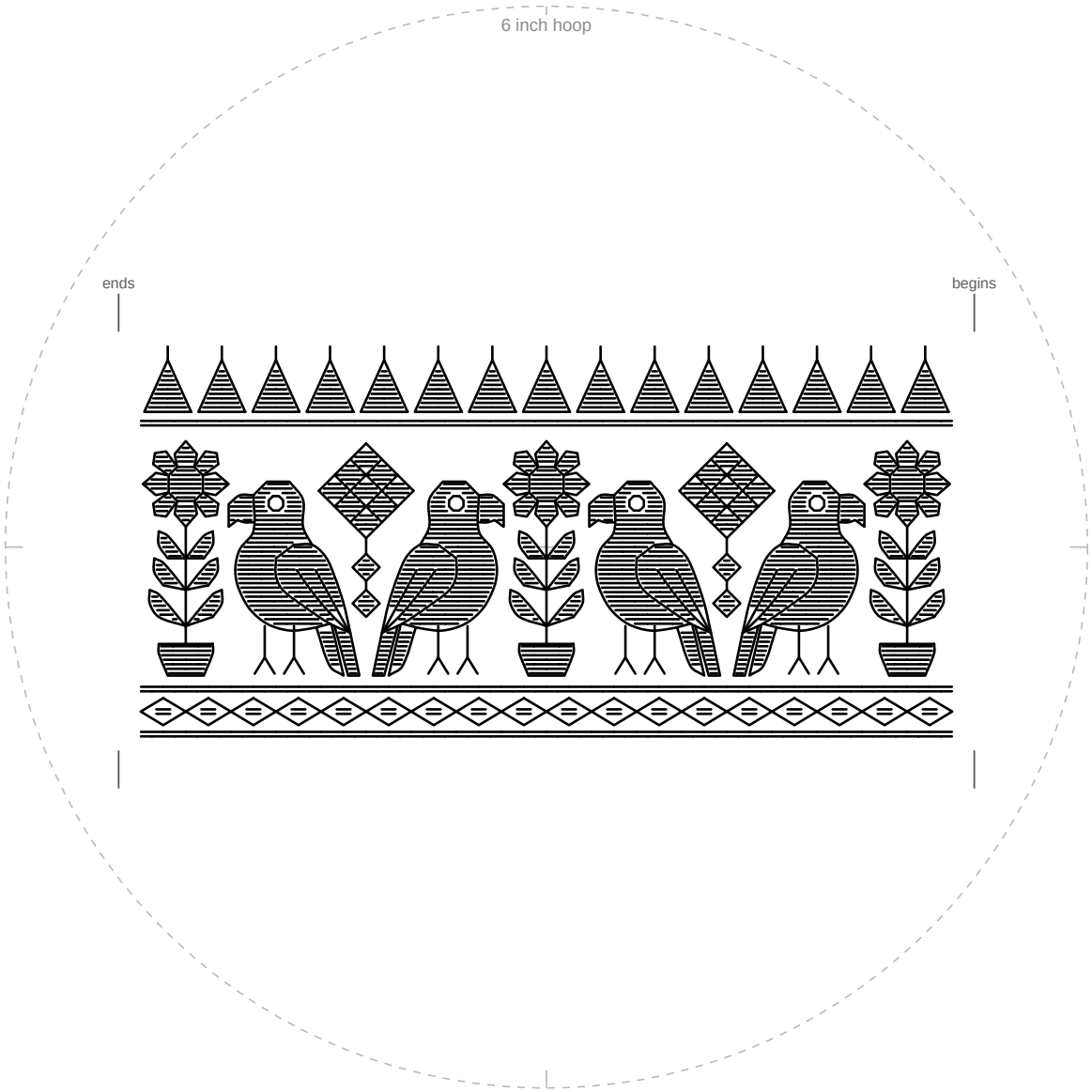
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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