Kutch style wedding border with peacocks

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 1.8 in (12.2 × 4.6 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark red cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Plant stems (color 4)
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Scallops, mirrors, beaks, mounds, flower petals
3. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
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4. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands: border lines, tail plumes
   1 strand: peacock bodies, wings
5. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Legs (color 3)
6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Plant stems (color 4)
7. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Mirror rings
8. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the small sprigs, lines of the leaves
   2 strands: legs (color 3), lines of the crests
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Loops of the small sprigs, loops of the leaves
10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knots of the small sprigs, eyes, buds
    1 strand: knots of the crests

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

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

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.

Buy: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark red cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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6 inch hoop

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



1 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin
2 DMC BLANC White
3 DMC 743 Medium Yellow
4 DMC 703 Chartreuse
5 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
6 DMC 415 Pearl Gray
7 DMC 3843 Electric Blue

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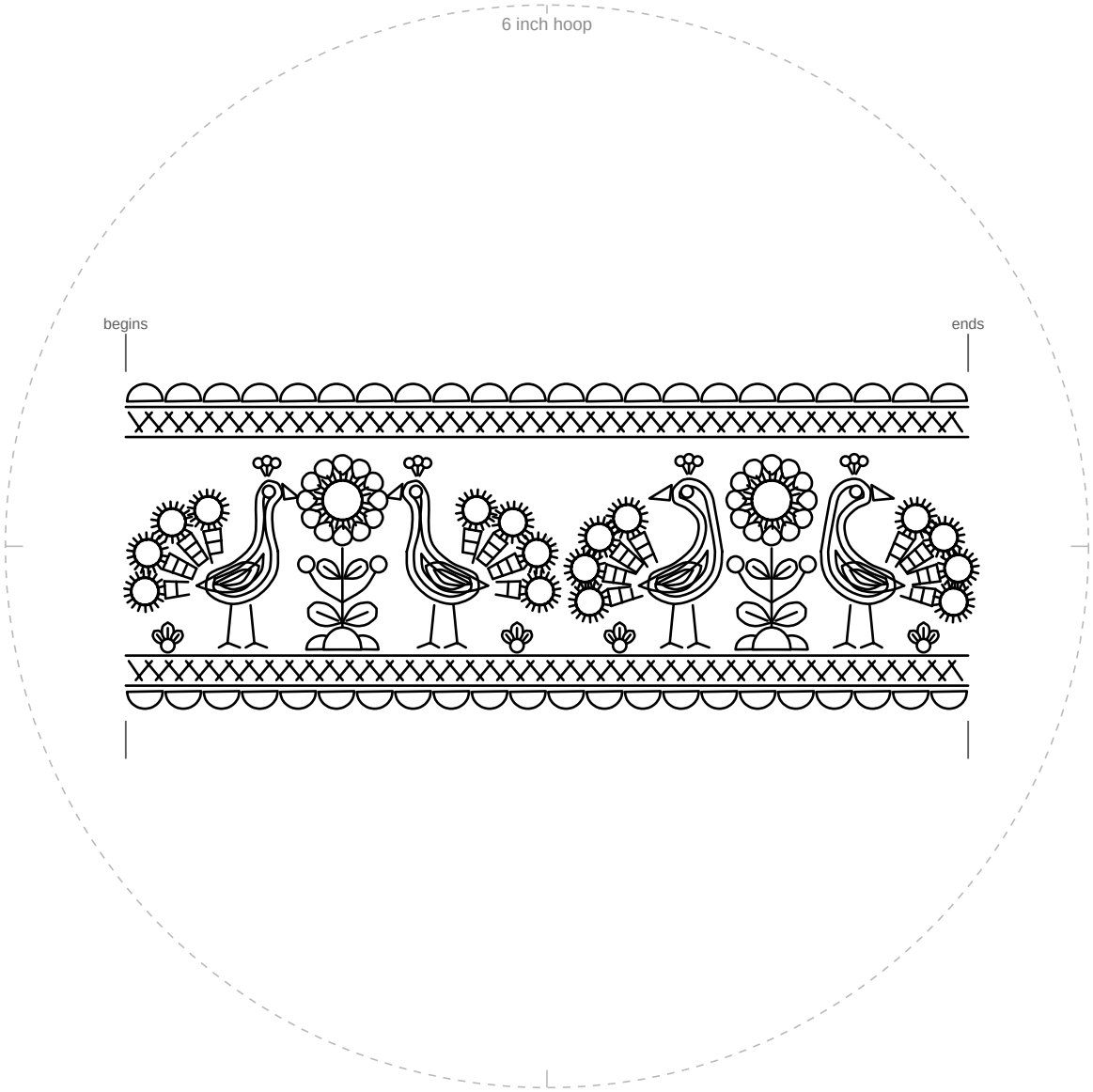
6 inch hoop

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.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



1 in
25.4 mm

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.
Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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