Lace doily mandala

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 cm)



A number is a row of the list.
Fabric: dark teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark teal cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

2 skeins of DMC BLANC and 2 of DMC 762; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 2 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 2 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 2 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.

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.

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Floss

- **DMC BLANC White**
  Scalloped edge, fan edges, rose petals, drops, picots and center eyelet
- **DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Trellis fans (lighter), rose rays and eyelet knots
- **DMC ECRU Ecru**
  Arches, inner ring, window knots, valley knots and rose knots, trellis fans (darker)

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Trellis fans
2. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Rose rays
3. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   Inner ring
4. **Blanket stitch**, 2 strands
   Arches
5. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Fan edges
6. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Center eyelet, scalloped edge
7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rose petals, drops
8. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: eyelet knots
   2 strands: rose knots, window knots, picots, valley knots

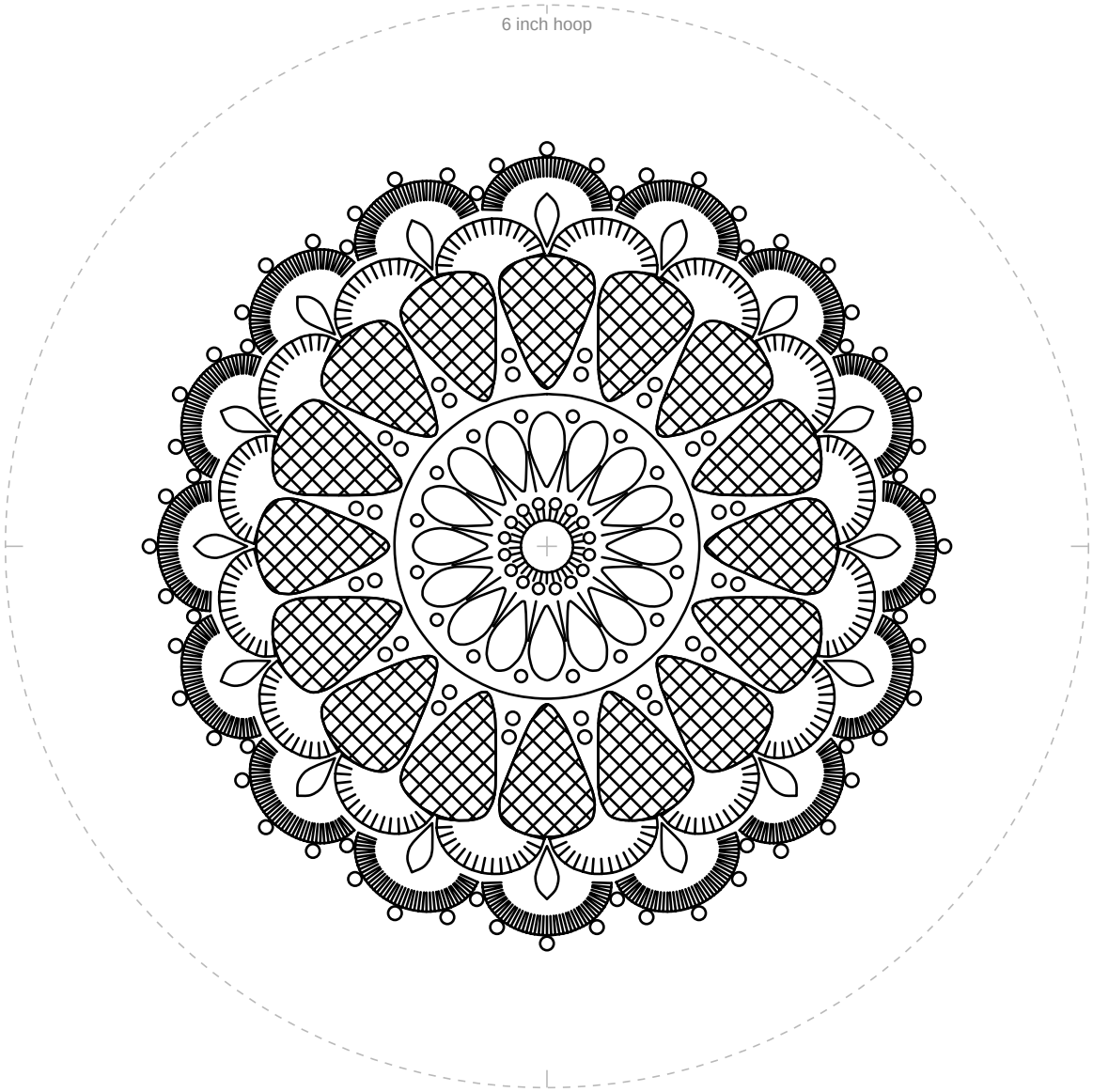
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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