Lone star quilt

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

12 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

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

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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 5
   Agave flower stalks (color 5)

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 5
   Agaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
   Saguaros, saguaro blooms, star, pale gold ring, star, apricot ring, star, coral ring, star, brick ring, star, plum ring, star, dusk blue ring, star, indigo tips, rope rim



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 2
   Edges of the saguaros, saguaro ribs

5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 5
   Agave flower stalks (color 5), agave tips



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 4
   Agave flowers, star heart



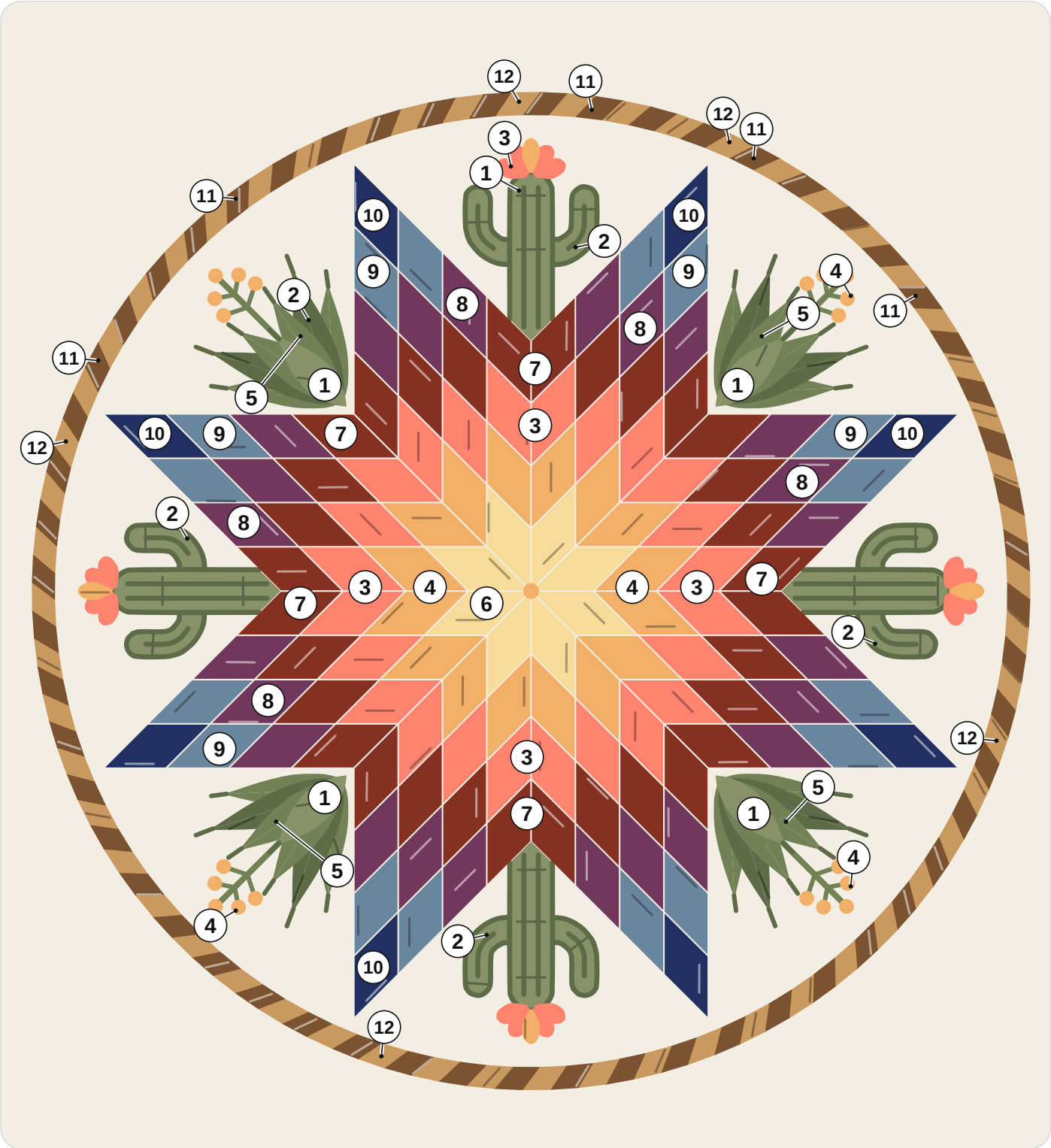
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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



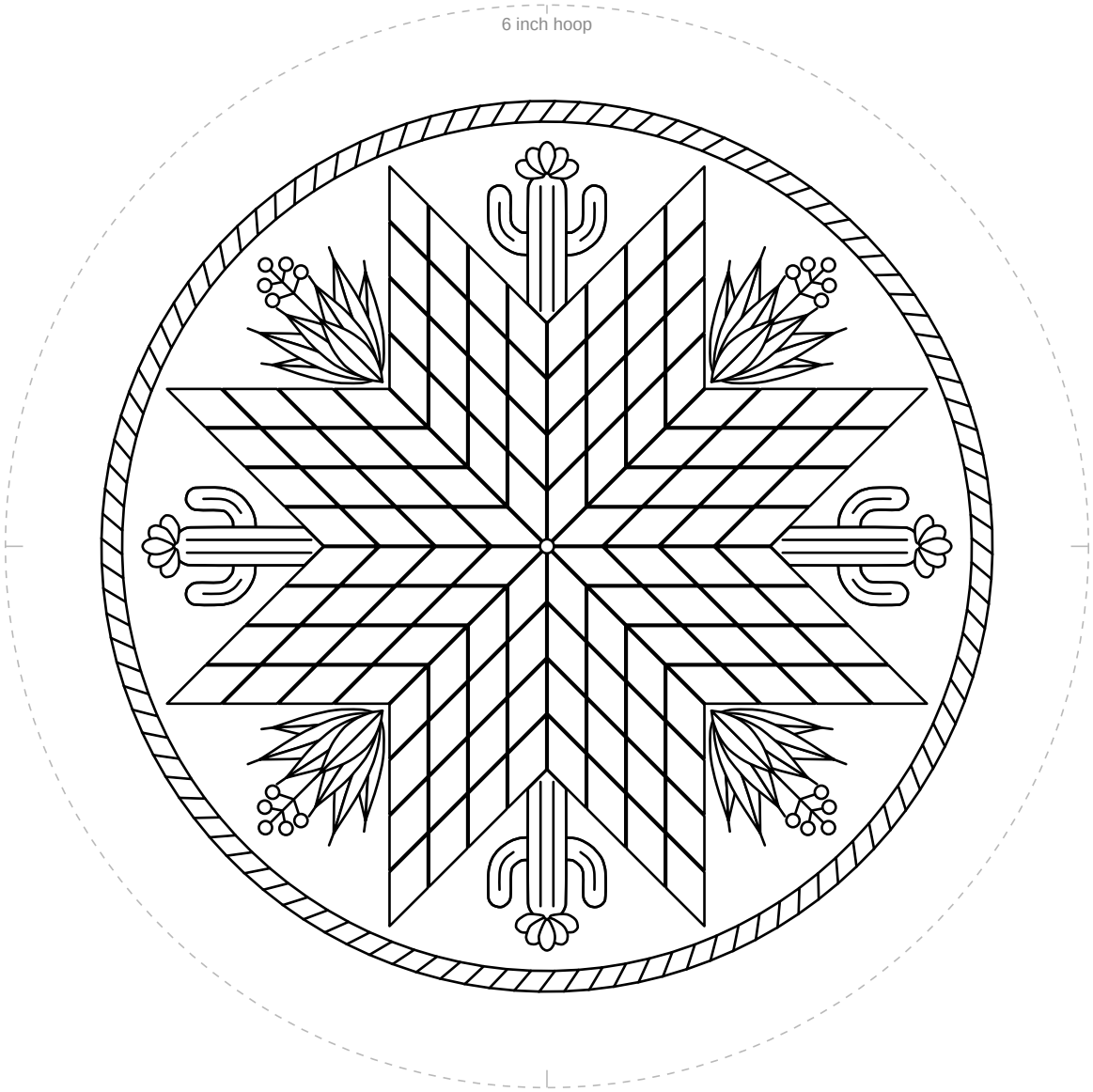
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2	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	**6**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**10**	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
3	DMC 3340 Medium Apricot	**7**	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	**11**	DMC 433 Medium Brown
4	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold	**8**	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	**12**	DMC 436 Tan

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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.



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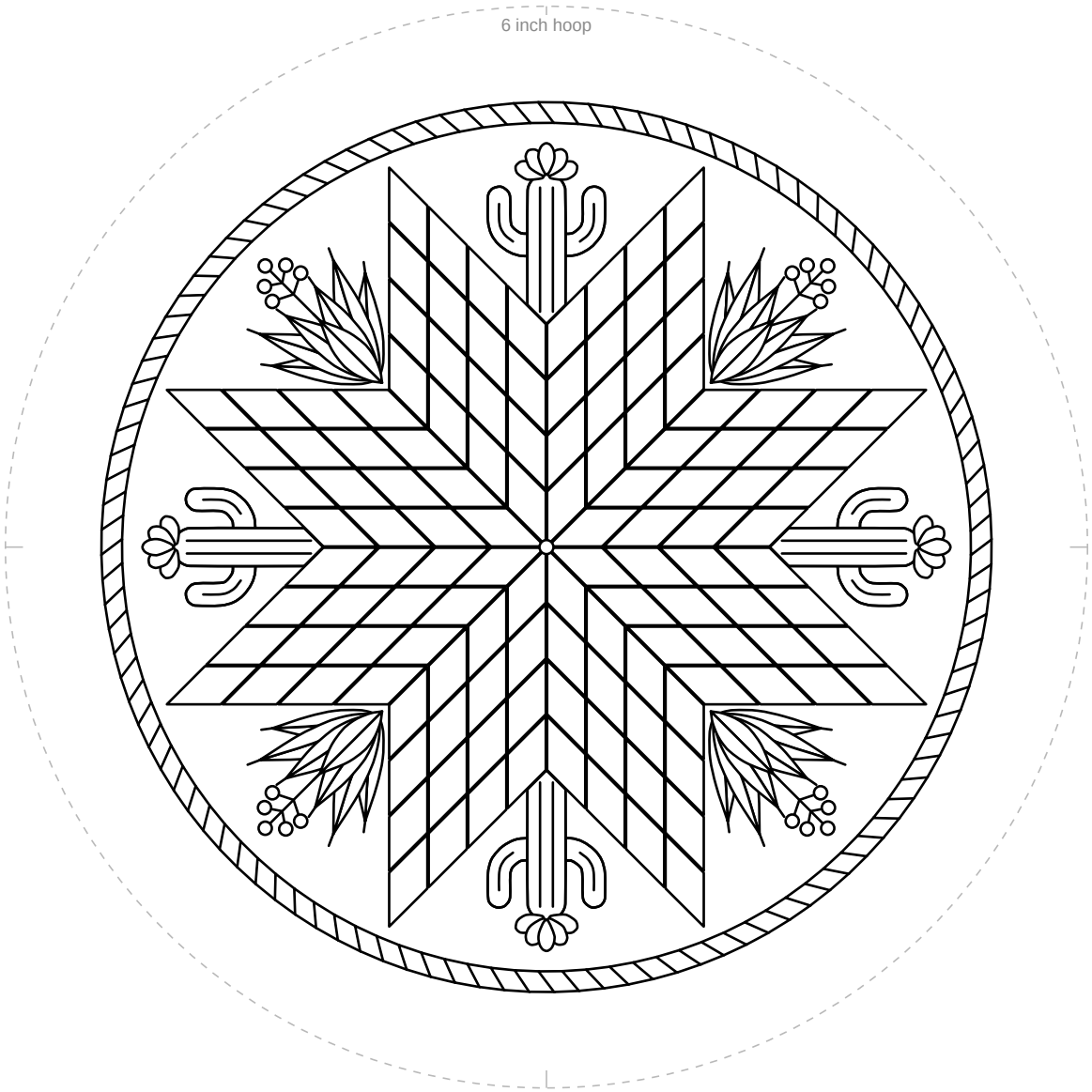
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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