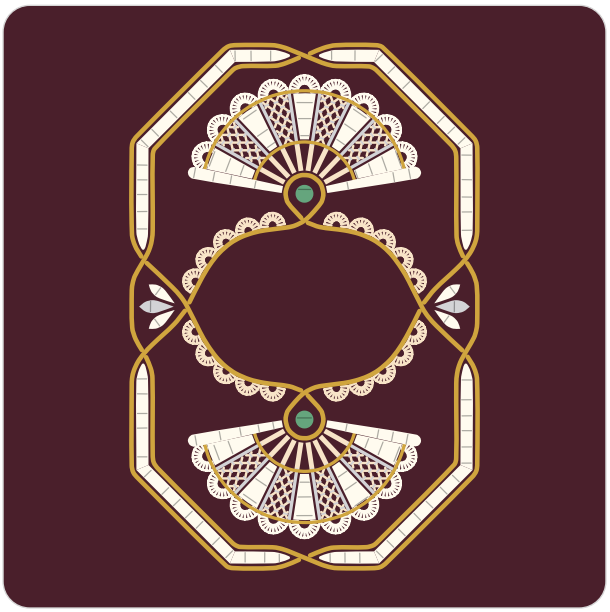
Octagon frame with two fans

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.2 × 4.8 in (8.1 × 12.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

5 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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 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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3
   Satin ribbon, side leaves, satin pleats, ribs, guard sticks



2. **Buttonhole stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 3
   Lace edging, buttonhole scallops



3. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand, colors 2, 3
   Trellis lace



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 4
   2 strands: edges of the ribs, leaf edges
   4 strands: gold cord

5. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 5
   Jade beads



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.



1 DMC 712 Cream
2 DMC 415 Pearl Gray
3 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
4 DMC 729 Medium Old Gold
5 DMC 3816 Celadon Green

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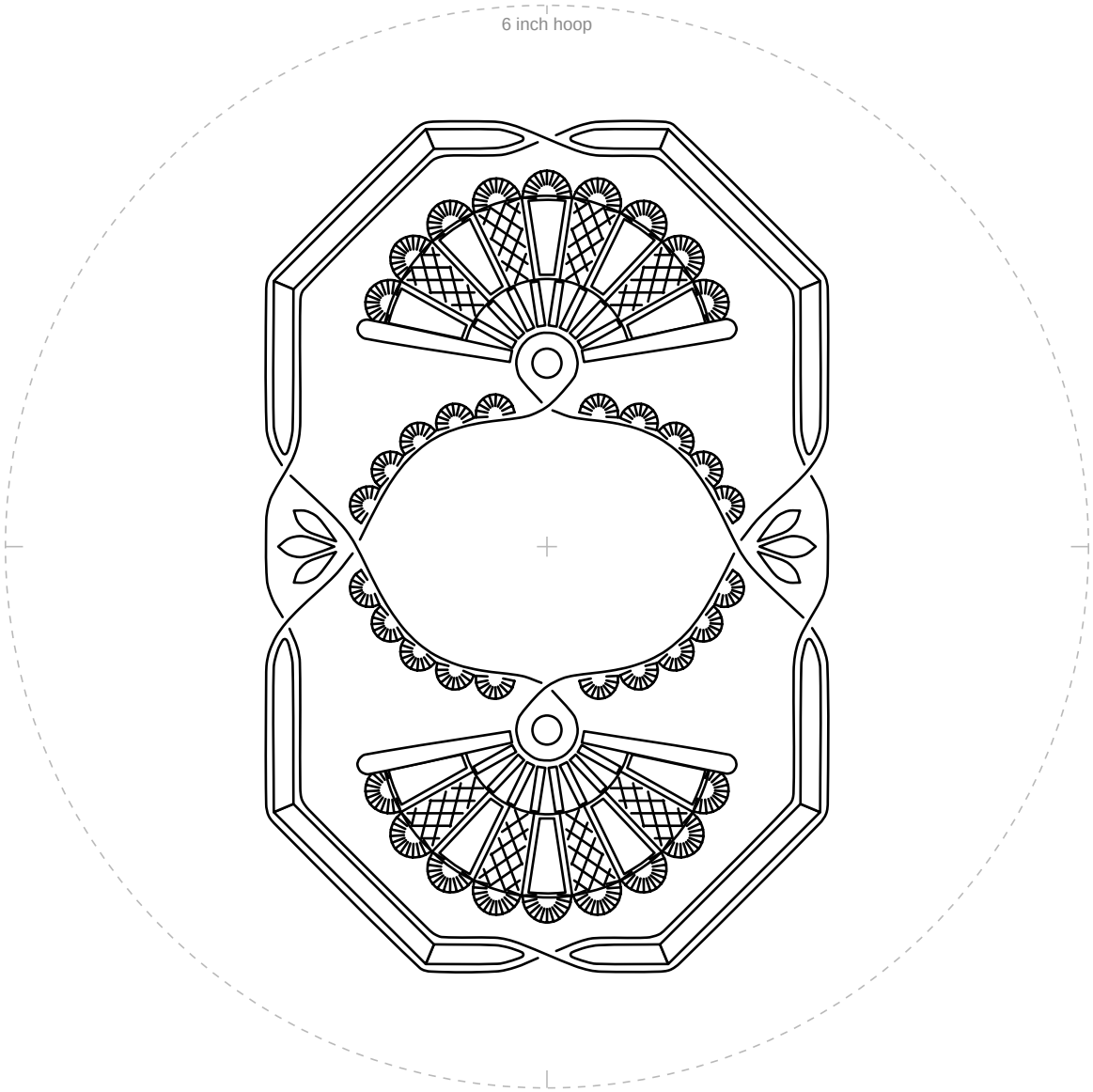
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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