Red and black folk bird sleeve band

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 1.6 in (12.2 × 4.1 cm).



Which color goes where.

Floss

- **DMC 310 Black**
  Rails, heart, feathers and wings, tail tulips and foot leaves (darker) and 12 more parts
- **DMC 321 Red**
  Bodies, inner rails, feather tips and tulip, tails (lighter) and 7 more parts
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Eyes

Stitches

- **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
  Rails
- **Stem stitch**, 3 to 4 strands
  Inner rails, tulip stem, legs
- **Satin stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Heart, foot leaves, diamond, tulip, tulip center, palmettes, tail tulips, tail tulips hearts, tails, crests, bodies, eyes, collars, wings, and 5 more
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Pupils
- **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
  Berry stems, toes

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker’s carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.
3. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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6 inch hoop

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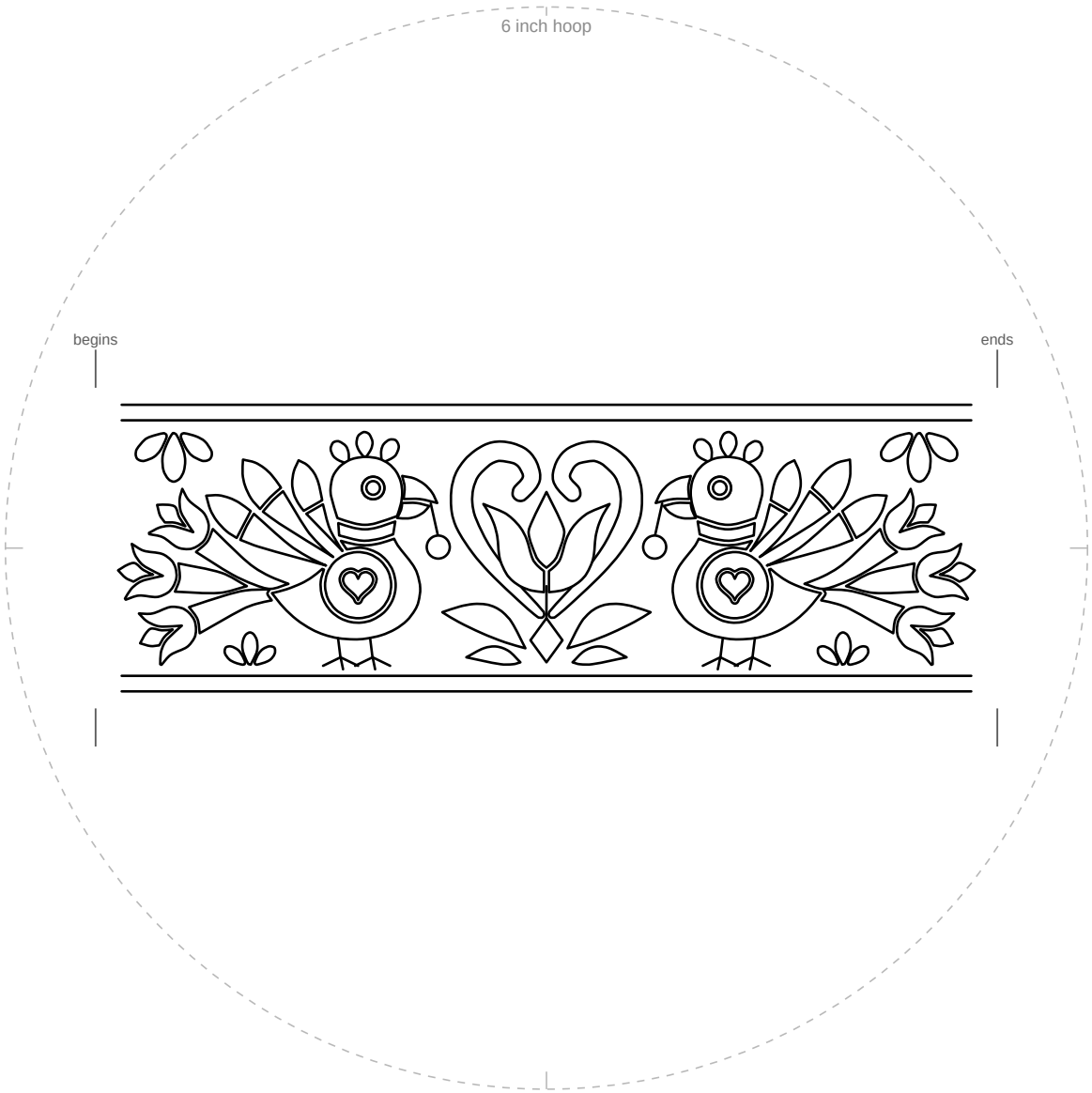

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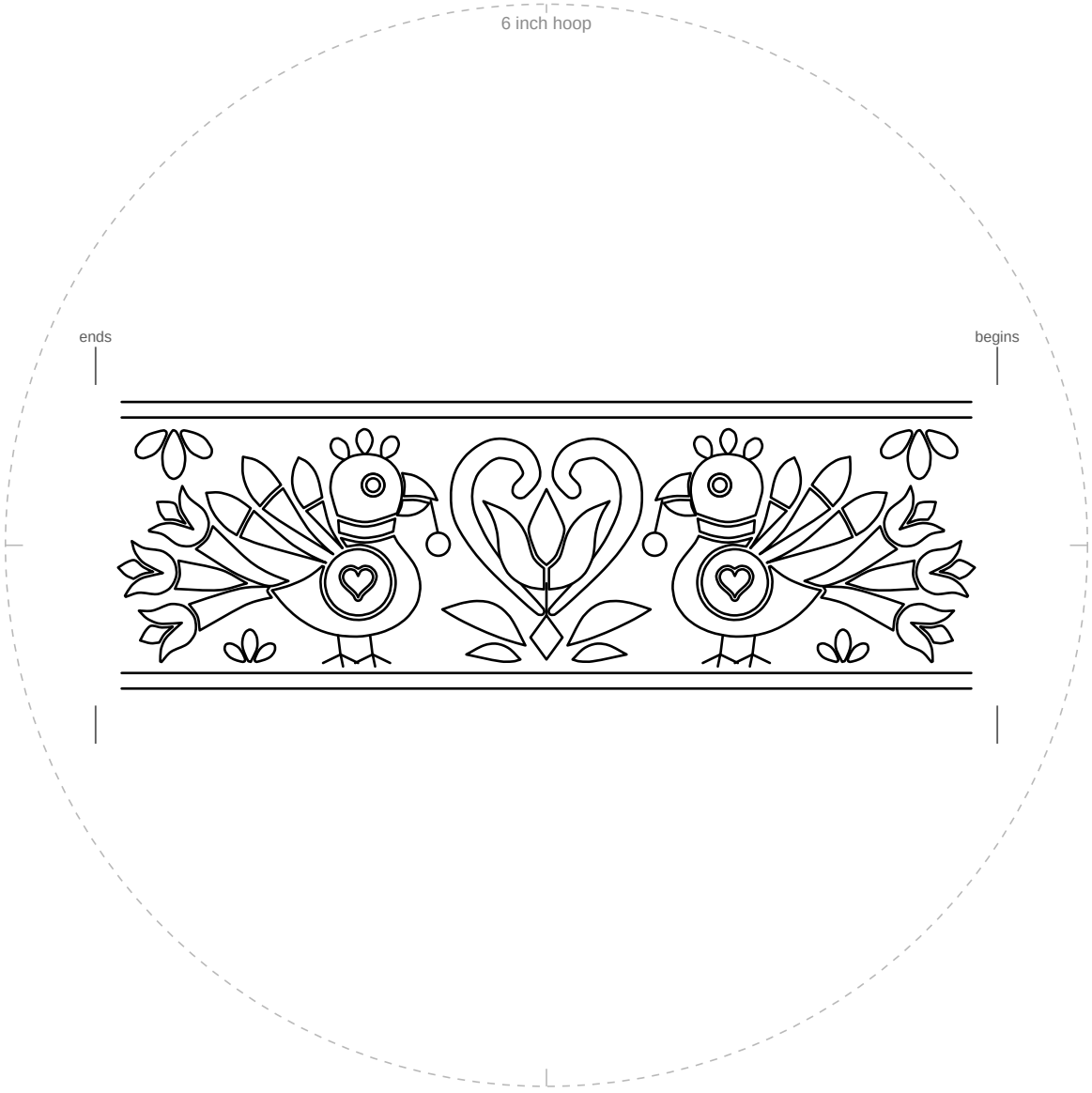

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