Ring of six hearts

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.8 in (11.9 × 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.

An embroidery needle, size 7.

10 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.

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
   Sprig stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Sprig leaves, small leaves, leaves, center leaves



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Heart borders, inner hearts, little hearts, tulips, tulip centers, center petals



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: heart outlines
   3 strands: stems

5. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Gold ring



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Berries, center



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 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
2 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
3 DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry
4 DMC 3833 Light Raspberry
5 DMC 3326 Light Rose
6 DMC 321 Red
7 DMC 3821 Straw
8 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
9 DMC 3346 Hunter Green
10 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green

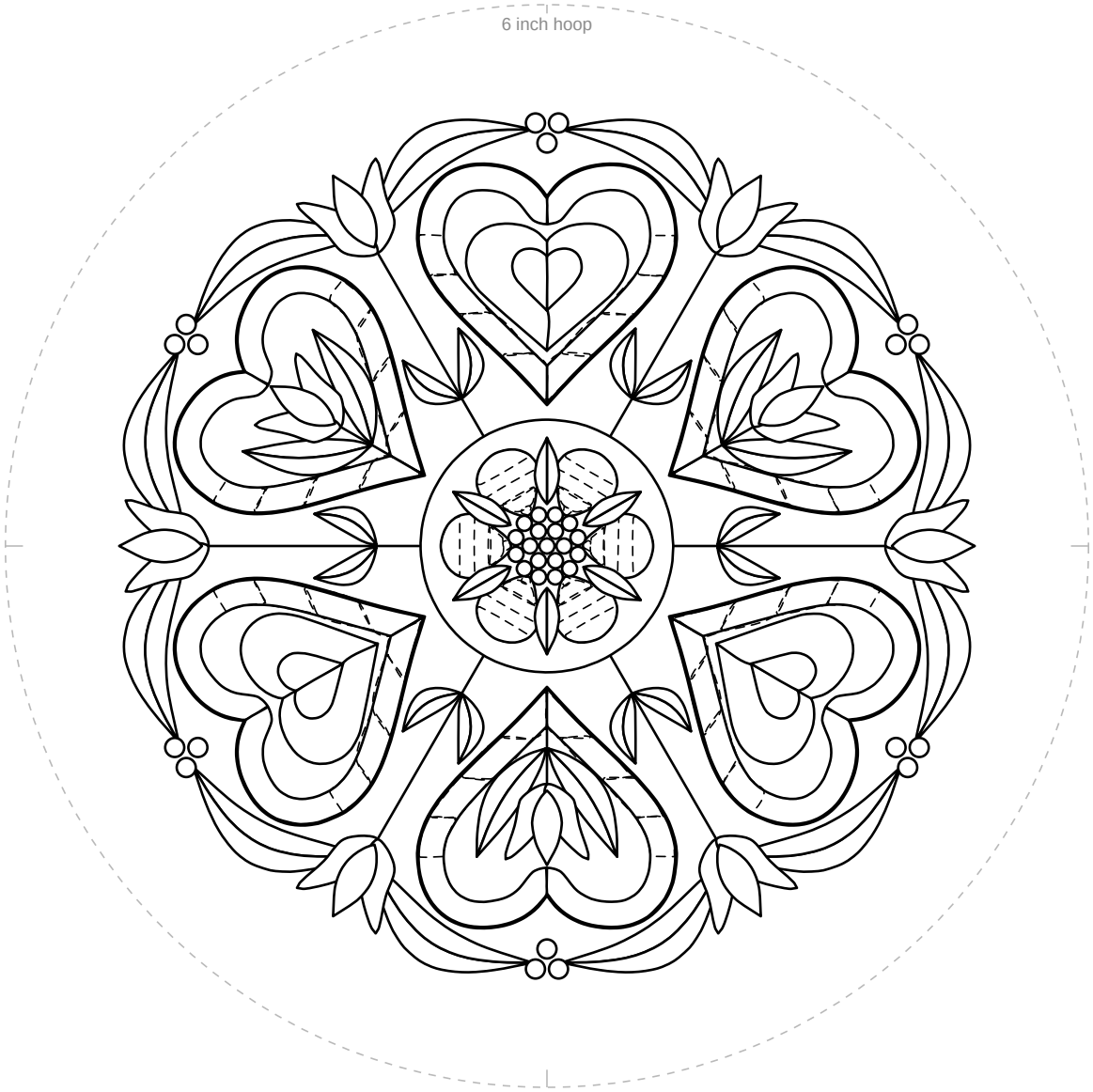
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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