Christmas bauble with scallop bands

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of blush pink cotton or linen.

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

15 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 500; one of each other 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**, 4 strands
   Hanging ring

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tassel band, foot cap, cap, cap rim



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tassel, ball, scallops, bow tails, inside of the bow, bow loops



4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Gold edges, ball edge

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bow creases

6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold fans



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tassel head, bow knot



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Pearls



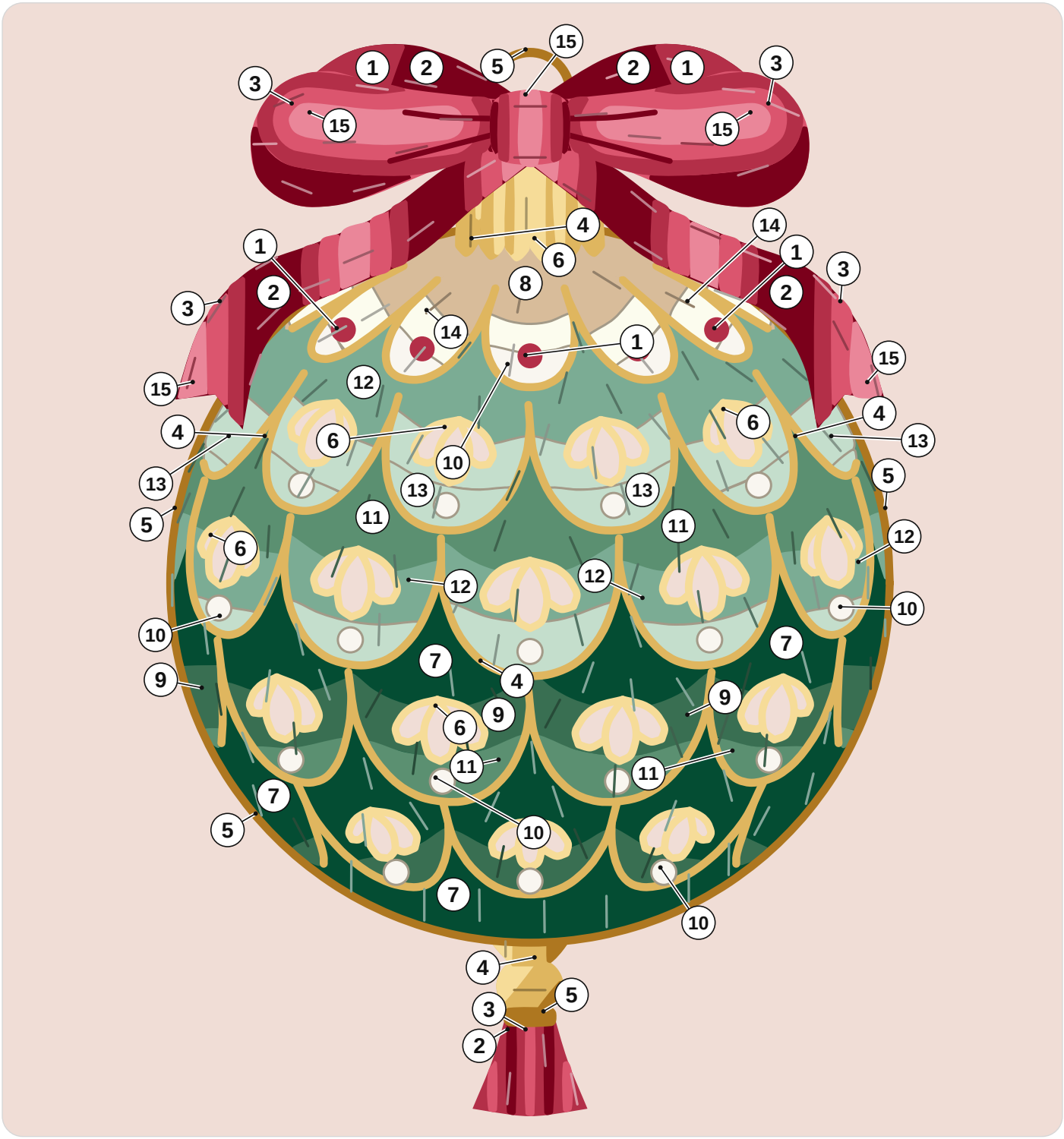
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 3831 Dark Raspberry	6	DMC 3822 Light Straw	11	DMC 502 Blue Green
2	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	7	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	12	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
3	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry	8	DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige	13	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	9	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	14	DMC 746 Off White
5	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	15	DMC 3833 Light Raspberry

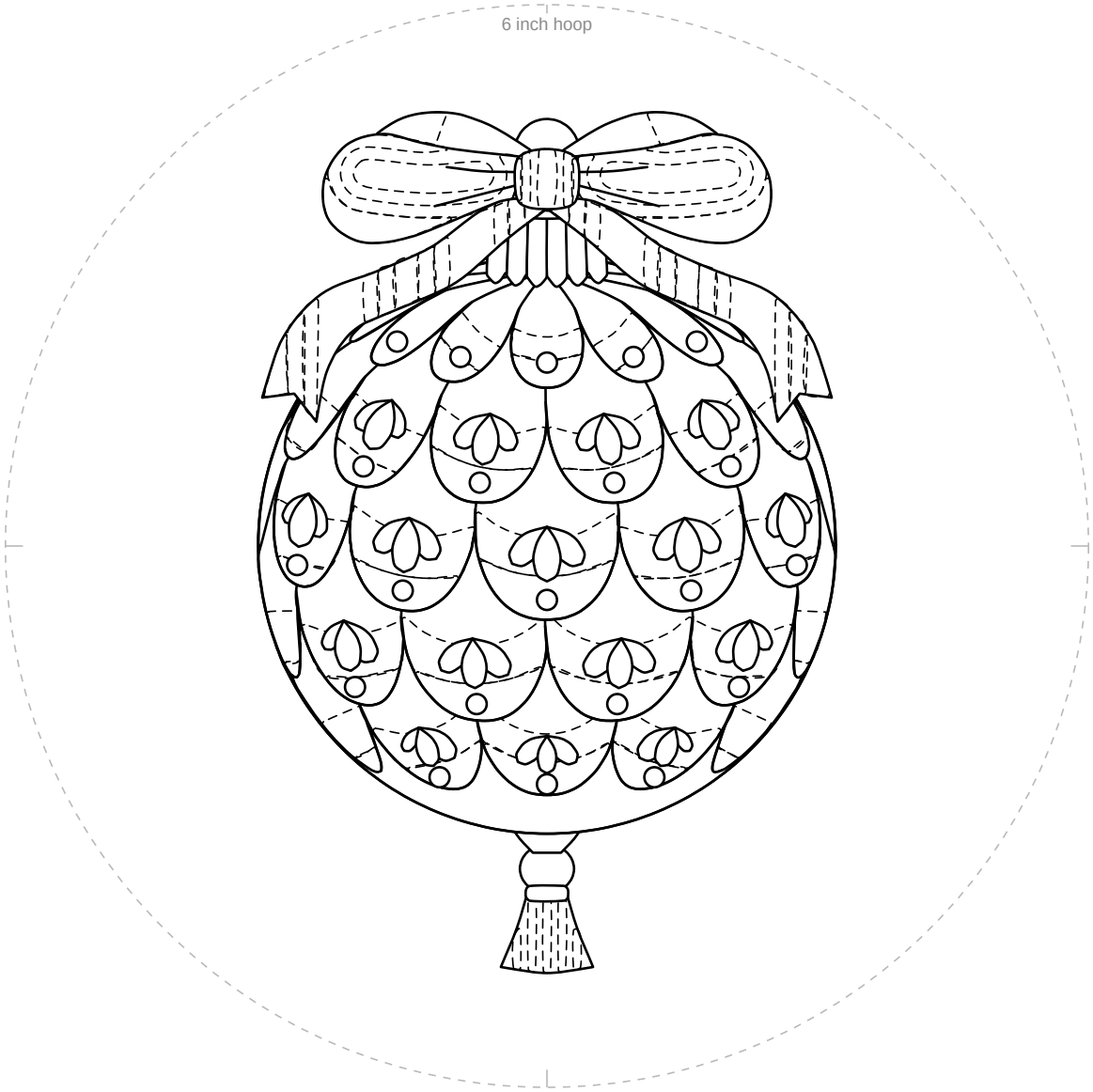
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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



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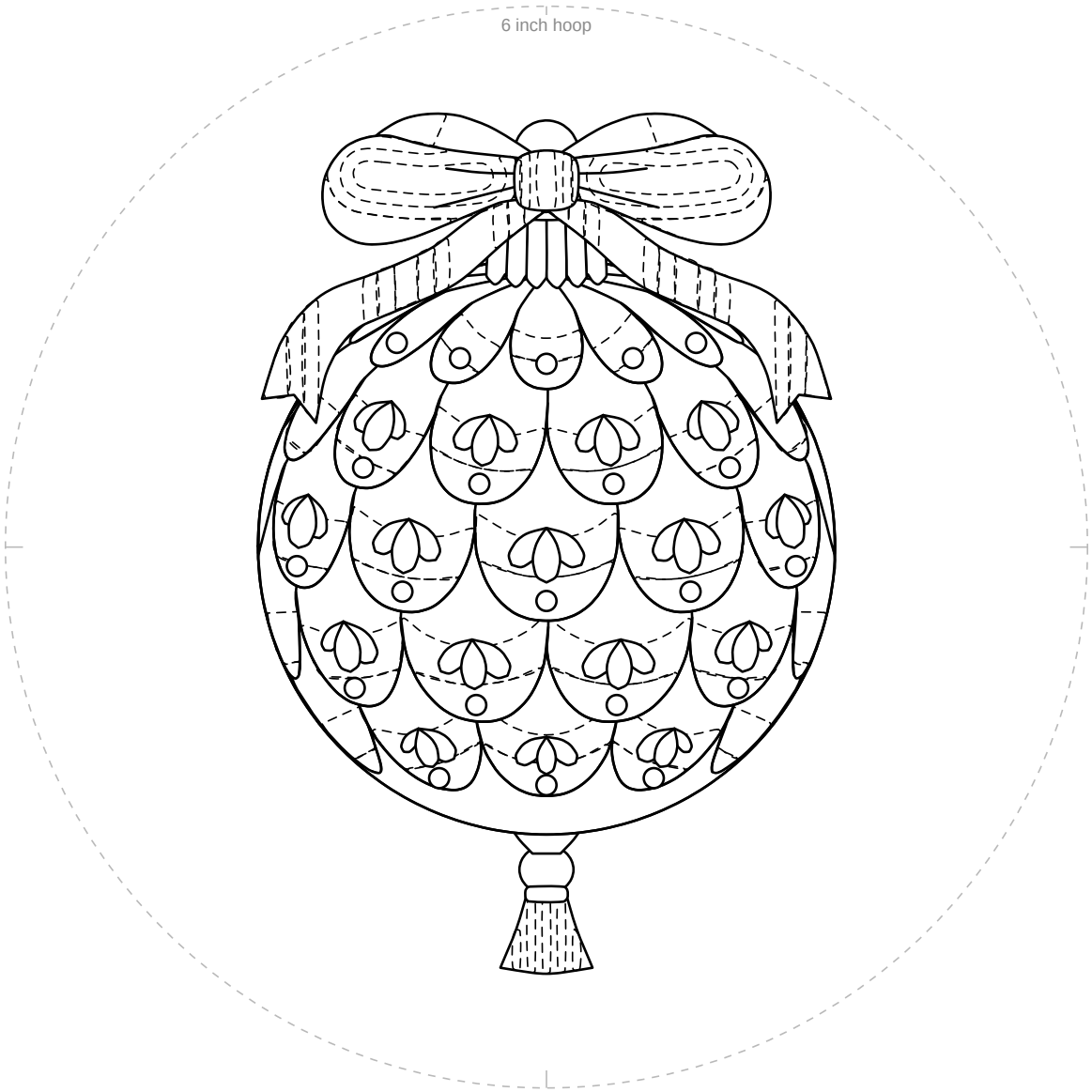
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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