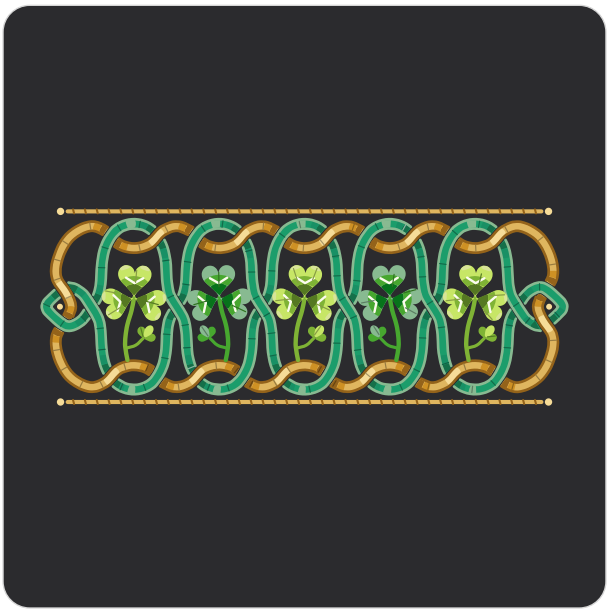
# Shamrock row edging

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 1.9 in (12.7 × 4.8 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: charcoal cotton or linen.

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

15 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. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands, colors 9, 14
   Shamrock stems



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14
   Emerald band, gold band, shamrock buds



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
   Shamrock leaflets



4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, colors 4, 6
   Emerald band edges, gold band edges



5. **Couching**, 3 strands, colors 5, 6
   Gold rails



6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 13
   Chevrons



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 8
   Gold knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.



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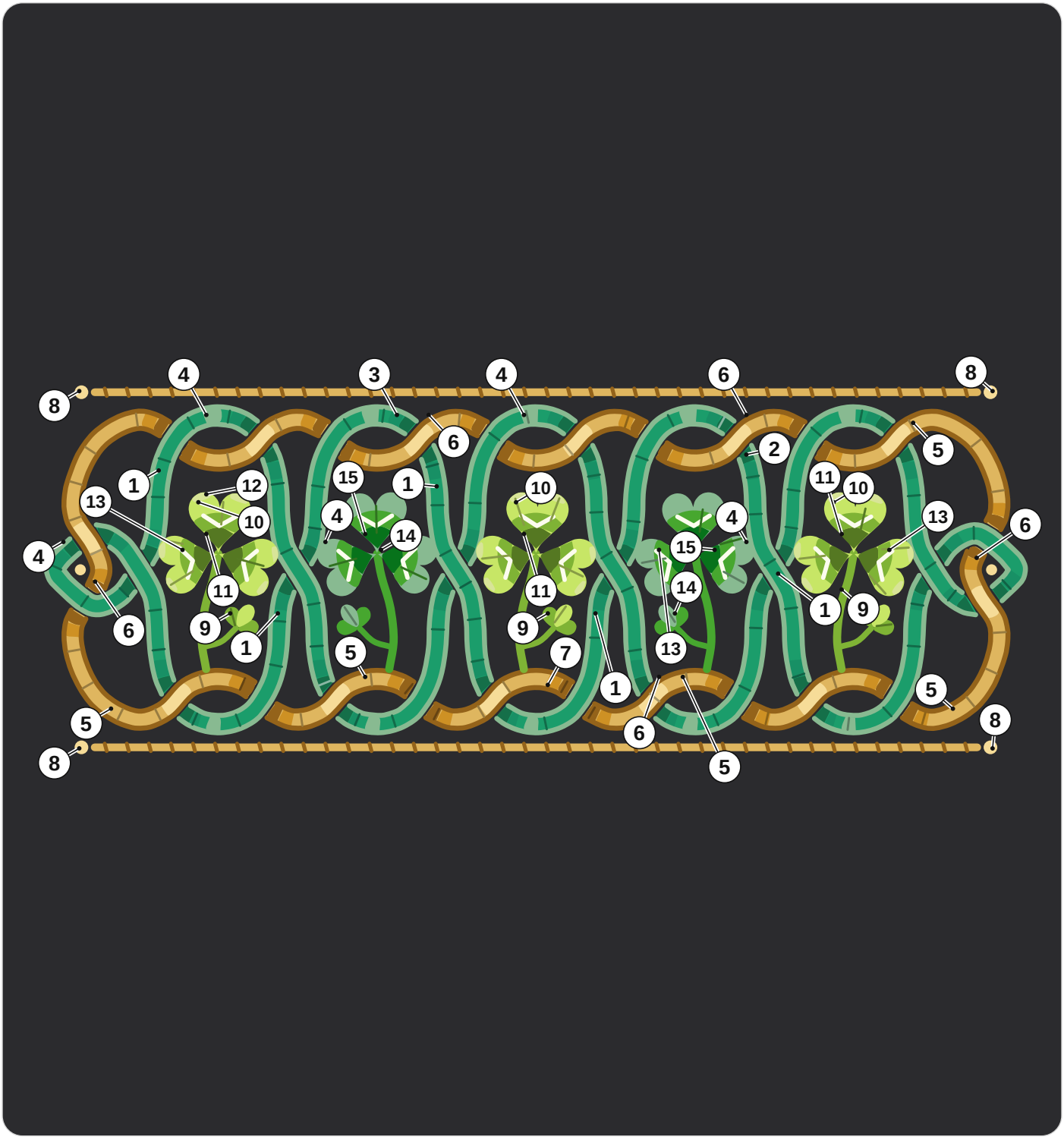
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



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| **1** | DMC 912 Light Emerald Green | **6** | DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz | **11** | DMC 904 Very Dark Parrot Green |
| **2** | DMC 909 Very Dark Emerald Green | **7** | DMC 783 Medium Topaz | **12** | DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green |
| **3** | DMC 911 Medium Emerald Green | **8** | DMC 3822 Light Straw | **13** | DMC 746 Off White |
| **4** | DMC 954 Nile Green | **9** | DMC 906 Medium Parrot Green | **14** | DMC 702 Kelly Green |
| **5** | DMC 3820 Dark Straw | **10** | DMC 907 Light Parrot Green | **15** | DMC 700 Bright Green |



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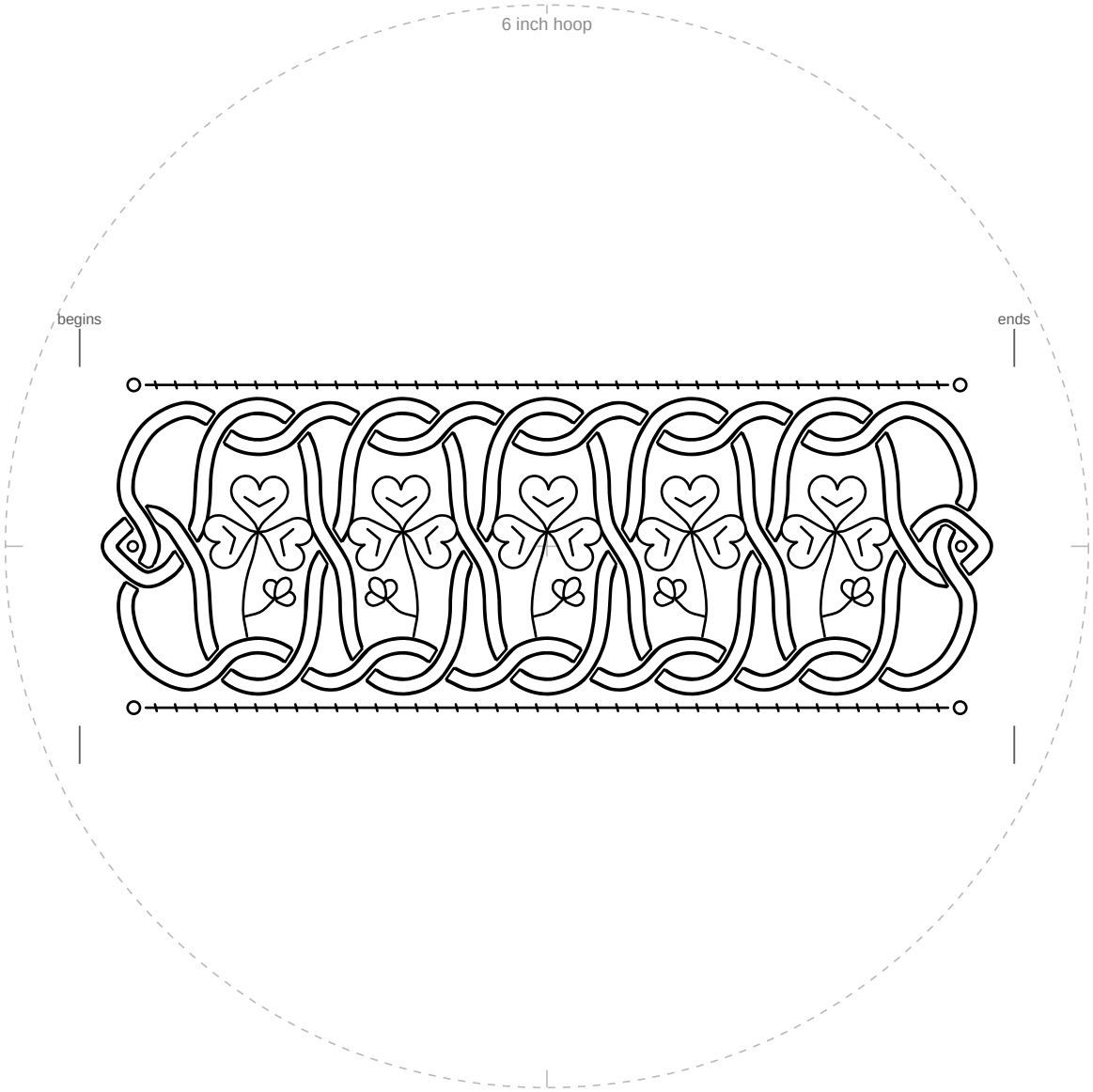
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.
Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.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