Small Diwali rangoli with diya lamps

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.3 × 3.3 in (8.4 × 8.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

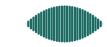
Floss

- **1 DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Turquoise points and outer drops
- **2 DMC BLANC White**
  Lotus petals
- **3 DMC 3806 Light Cyclamen Pink**
  Pink daisies and petal hearts
- **4 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Diya rims, marigold ring, flame hearts, outer dots and lotus center
- **5 DMC 744 Pale Yellow**
  Flames and star of light
- **6 DMC 921 Copper**
  Diya bowls and diya feet

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines, loops and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Turquoise points, flames



2. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Lotus petals, diya bowls, diya rims



3. **Running stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Marigold ring, star of light

4. **Straight stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Flame hearts, diya feet



5. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Petal hearts, lotus center, pink daisies, outer drops



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Lotus center, outer dots



What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in wine red. Embroidery needle: size 7. Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

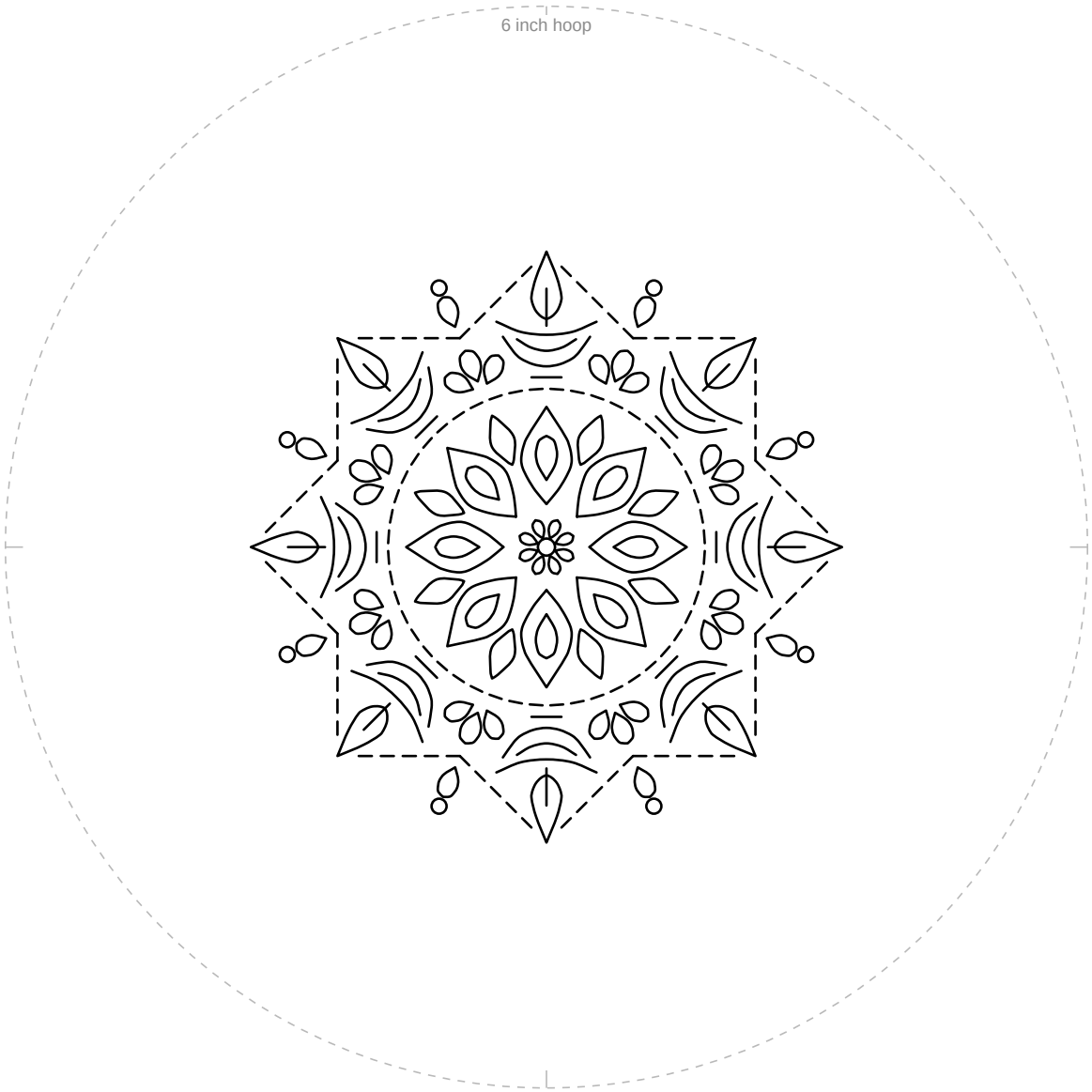
Running stitch. 3 strands: marigold ring; 2 strands: star of light.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: diya feet; 2 strands: flame hearts.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

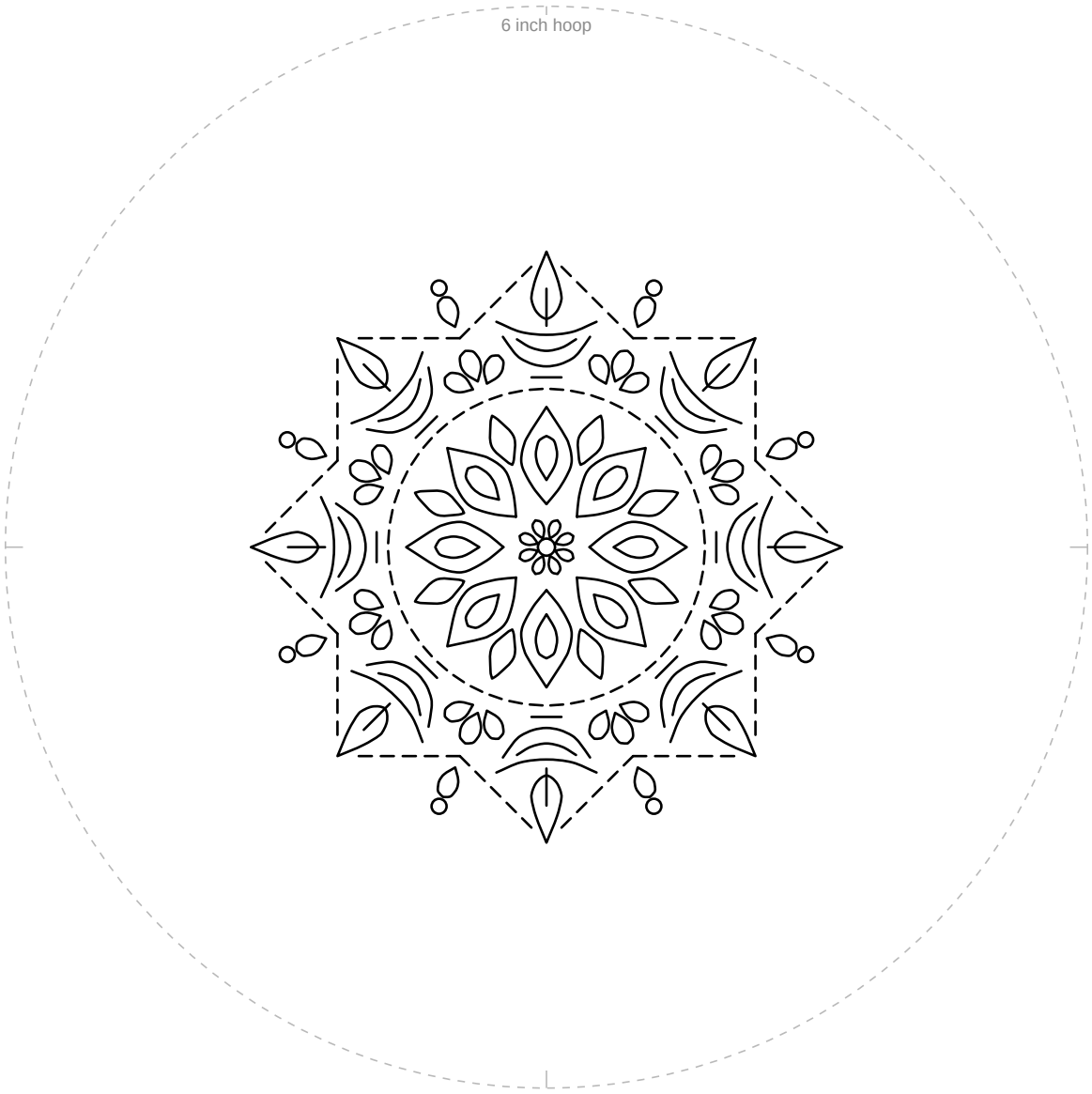
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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