Suzani medallion in satin stitch

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



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

7 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 4, 5
   Petals (each in two halves that meet down its middle, each half slanted to the seam), scalloped ring, vine, pomegranates, pomegranate crowns, buds (each in two halves that meet down its middle, each half slanted to the seam)



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 or 2 strands, colors 6, 7
   Leaves



3. **Stem stitch**
   2 or 3 strands, color 4
   Leaf stalks

4. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 1
   Dots between the petals, pomegranate seeds



5. **Woven wheel stitch**
   2 strands, color 1
   Flower center

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

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A number is a color of the list.



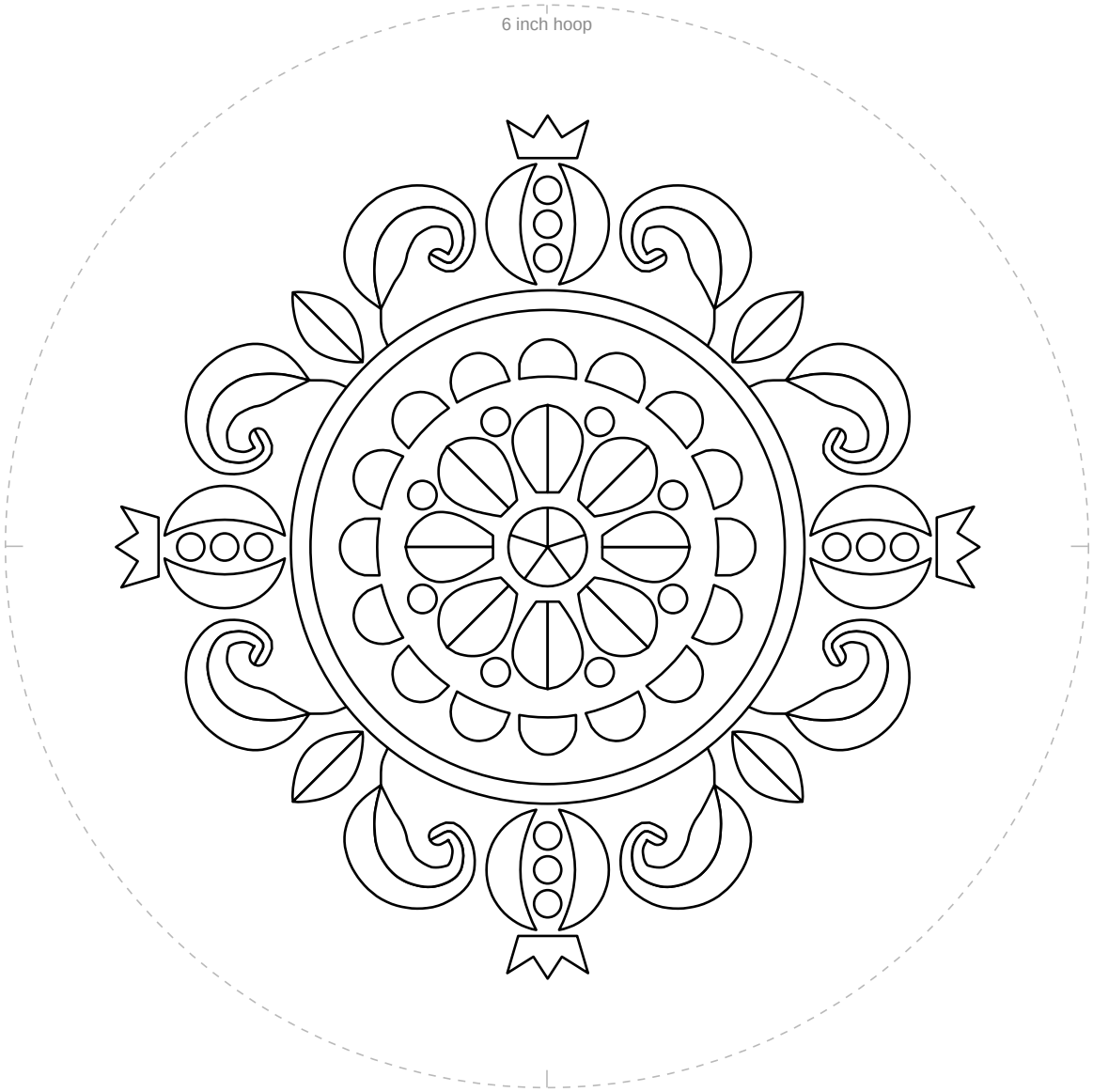
1 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw
2 DMC 351 Coral
3 DMC 304 Medium Red
4 DMC 336 Navy Blue
5 DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
7 DMC 597 Turquoise

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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.



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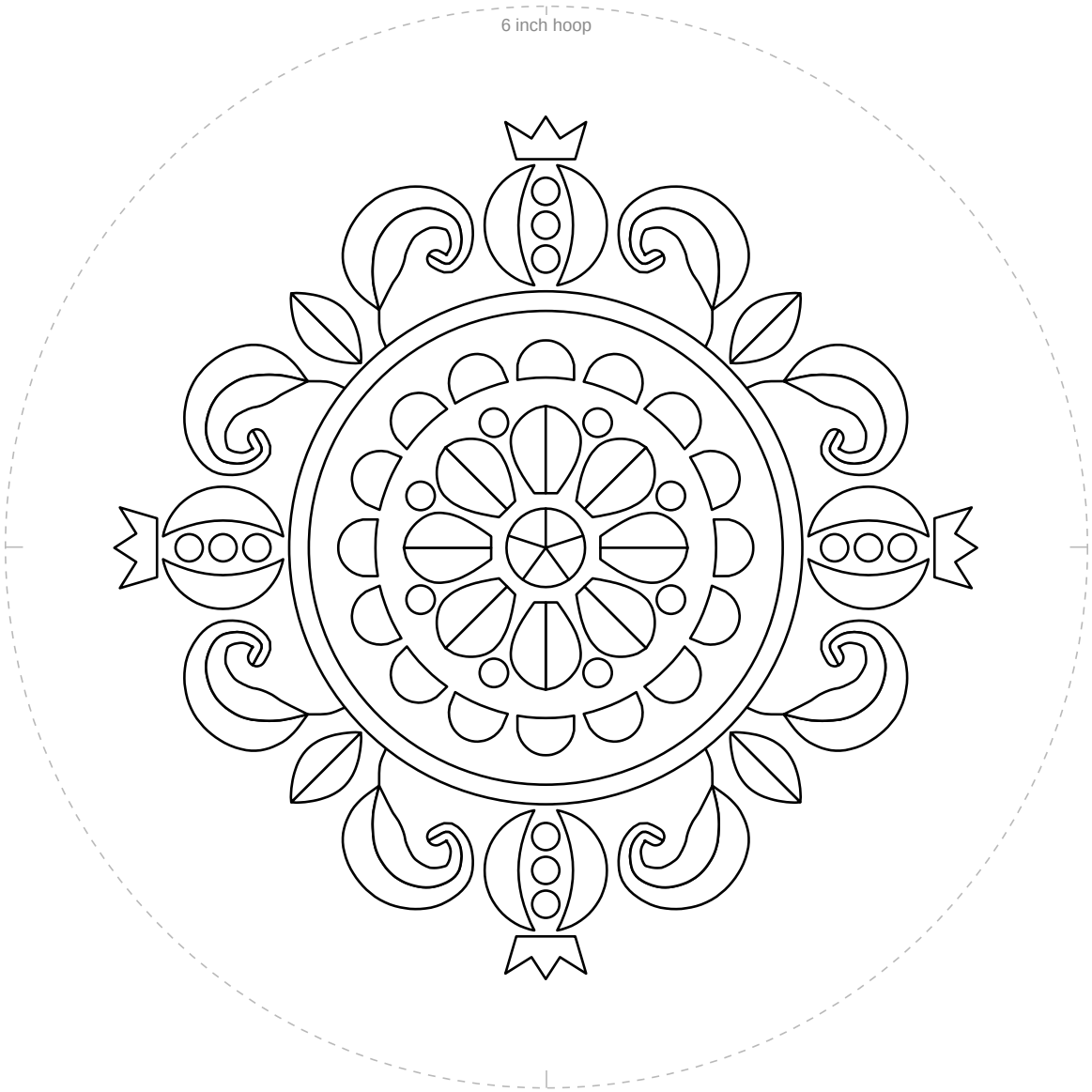
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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