Woven eight point star

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 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.

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

20 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
   Spray stems

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ivory strap, peacock strap, inner leaves, gold buds, rosette center, spray leaves, spray buds



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Outer petals, inner petals



4. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Gold edges



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: strap spine
   1 strand: leaf veins

6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Stamens



7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal gaps, edges of the spray buds

8. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: stamen knots
   2 strands: gold heart, point knots



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 712 Cream	8	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	15	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	9	DMC 3842 Very Dark Wedgwood	16	DMC 321 Red
3	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	10	DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue	17	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
4	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	11	DMC 502 Blue Green	18	DMC 3706 Medium Melon
5	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	12	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	19	DMC 3708 Light Melon
6	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	13	DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet	20	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
7	DMC 3760 Medium Wedgwood	14	DMC 815 Medium Garnet		

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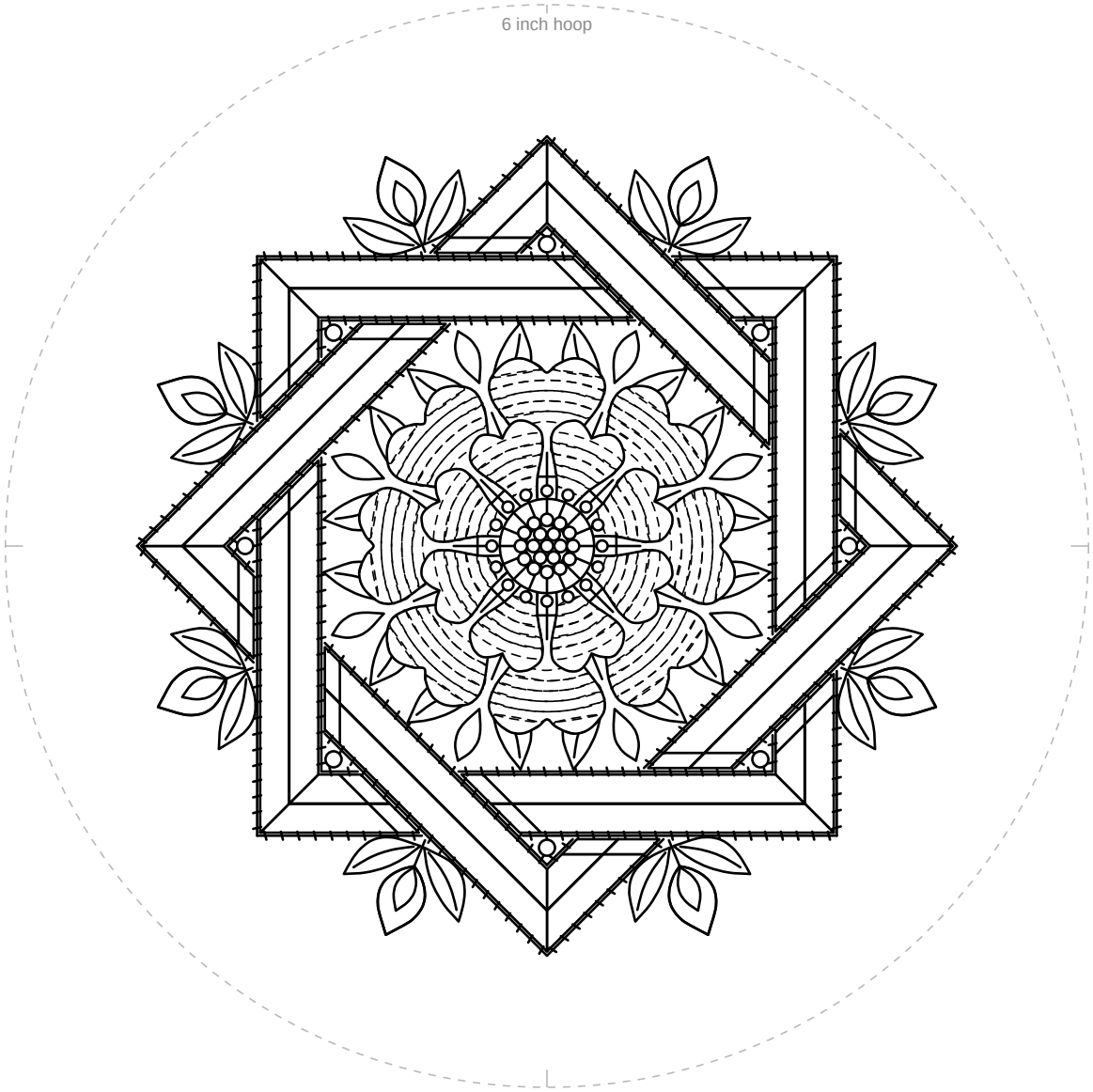
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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