

Christmas Medallion

Machine Embroidery Project

Skill Level: Intermediate **Time Required:** 5 hours



This Medallion is available in **2 sizes**.

Hoop Sizes:

- Small Medallion – 5" x 7" hoop
- Medium Medallion – 6" x 10" hoop

Materials:

- Quilting Cotton (or any material you prefer) - 5/8 yard total
- Medium cutaway stabilizer
- Batting
- Water-soluble pen or other marking tool
- Pins
- Embroidery machine
- Sewing machine
- Thread
- Binding clips (optional)
- Spray adhesive to hold quilt pieces together (optional)

Step-by-Step Progress & Designs Used

Use this visual overview as a quick reference while working through the project steps. 9 designs total: 1 center design + 8 wedge designs.



Center – "Merry Christmas" Wreath
Stitches: 7,793
Size: 3.8125" H x 3.9375" W



Cardinal
Stitches: 9,598
Size: 3.875" H x 3.5" W



Poinsettia
Stitches: 11,973
Size: 3.875" H x 3.5625" W



Christmas Truck
Stitches: 17,728
Size: 3.875" H x 3.75" W



Christmas Tree
Stitches: 12,054
Size: 3.9375" H x 3.1875" W



Snowman
Stitches: 12,211
Size: 3.875" H x 3.3125" W



Ice Skates
Stitches: 14,575
Size: 3.9375" H x 3.25" W



Santa
Stitches: 16,041
Size: 3.8125" H x 3.9375" W

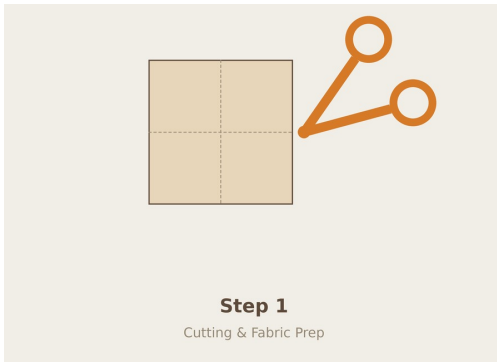


Gingerbread Man & Candy Cane
Stitches: 14,296
Size: 3.875" H x 3.75" W

Construction Steps

Diagrams below illustrate each step; swap in real photos of the actual project whenever they're available.

Step 1: Cutting and Fabric Preparation



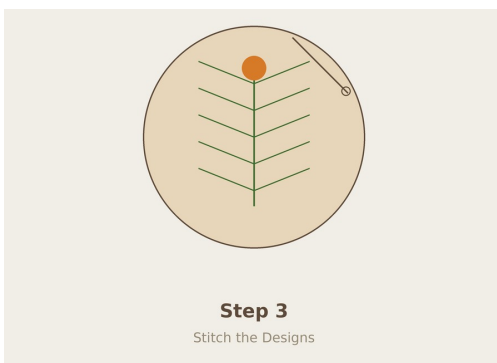
- For the small medallion, cut the center piece to 7 in x 7 in.
- For the medium medallion, cut the center piece to 9 in x 9 in.
- For the small medallion, cut 8 pieces that are 7 in x 6 in.
- For the medium medallion, cut 8 pieces that are 9 in x 8 in.

Step 2: Hoop the Stabilizer



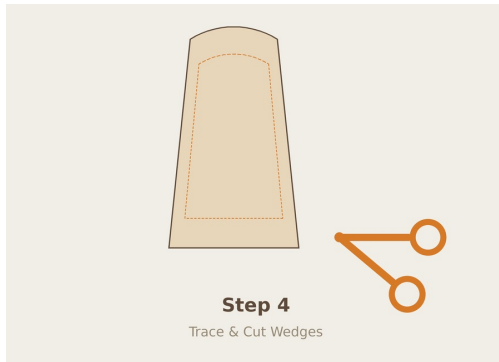
Place medium cutaway stabilizer in the hoop. Keep the stabilizer smooth and secure before stitching.

Step 3: Stitch the Embroidery Designs



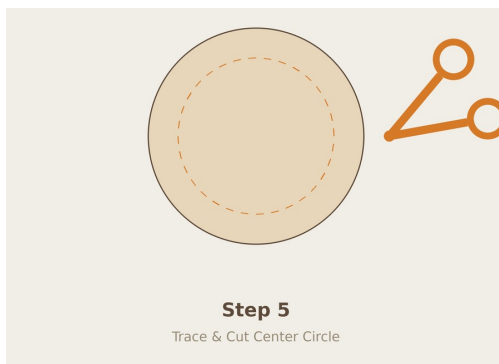
Stitch out the center design and all wedge designs. Set the stitched pieces aside and do not trim them yet.

Step 4: Trace and Cut the Wedge Panels



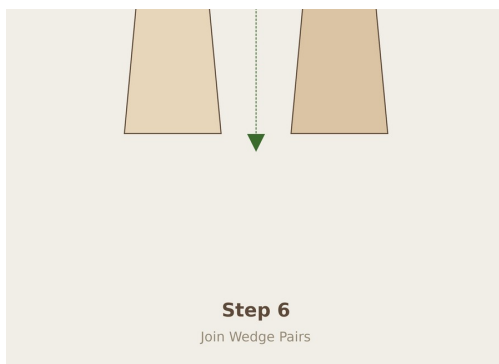
- Using the curved template provided, trace around each wedge design, making sure the design is centered toward the top of the wedge.
- There will be extra fabric on the bottom of the wedge; that is fine.
- Add 1/4 in to the straight stitching lines on each side of the wedge. Do not add extra to the curved edge.
- Cut out each wedge using the added 1/4 in on the sides. Trim extra stabilizer away from the design if desired.

Step 5: Trace and Cut the Center Circle



- Trace the center circle around the center design, making sure the design looks centered in the circle.
- Cut out the center circle. There is no need to cut extra fabric around this piece.
- Trim the stabilizer if desired, then set the center circle aside.

Step 6: Lay Out and Join Wedge Pairs



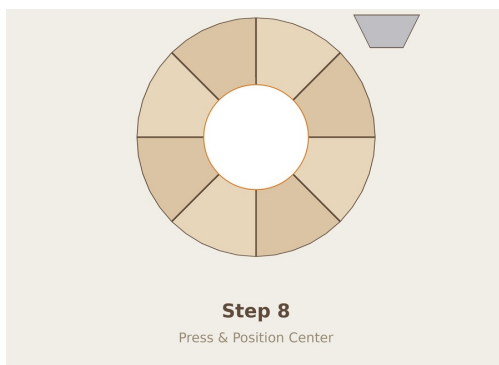
- Lay out the wedge pieces in the order you want them to appear in the finished medallion.
- Place two wedges right sides together and stitch them together along one straight side.
- Repeat until you have 4 sets of 2 wedges stitched together.

Step 7: Join the Wedge Sections



- Take two sets of stitched wedges and stitch them together.
- Repeat until you have 2 sets of 4 panels.
- Lay the two panels right sides together and stitch the two opposite sides together to close the circle. You will have a hole in the center, and that is fine.

Step 8: Press and Position the Center Circle



- Press the seams open. Adjust seams as needed so the medallion lays flat.
- With the right side of the wedges facing up, place the center circle over the center of the medallion.
- Center it as best you can. Trace around the center circle on the outer piece with a water-soluble marker, or use pins to mark where it should go.
- Remove the center circle and finish its edge using one of the options below.

Step 9: Finish and Attach the Center Circle



- Option A: Bind the center circle, then stitch it to the outer circle using a small zigzag, blanket stitch, or straight stitch.
- Option B: Zigzag around the center circle to attach it to the outer circle, then satin stitch or use another decorative stitch to cover the previous stitching.
- Option C: With the right side of the center design facing up, place interfacing over the piece. Stitch around the circle 1/4 in from the edge, cut a small slit in the interfacing, turn right side out, push out the curves, and press well.
- If using fusible interfacing for Option C, place the fusible side toward the right side of the design. After turning, the fusible side will face out, so do not iron until you are ready to fuse the circle in place.

Step 10: Finishing Technique Option 1 – Turn and Quilt



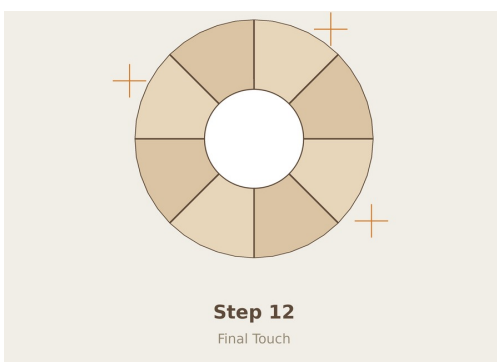
- Create a quilt sandwich by laying down batting large enough to cover the piece, placing the completed Dresden medallion right side up, then adding backing fabric right side facing the embroidery designs.
- Stitch all around the edge, leaving part of 1 wedge open.
- Trim around the shape, leaving a bit more fabric at the opening. Pinking shears can help the curves lay nicely but are not required.
- Turn right side out and push out all curves. Press well.
- Stitch the opening shut and quilt as needed. Stitch in the ditch if you want to secure the batting and backing together.

Step 11: Finishing Technique Option 2 – Quilt and Bind



- Create a quilt sandwich with the embroidery pieces on top, batting in the middle, and backing fabric with wrong side facing the batting.
- Pin the layers together or use spray adhesive to hold them together while quilting.
- Quilt as desired, such as stitch in the ditch, stipple, or echo quilting.
- Trim around the curves.
- Bind as you would a regular quilted item.

Step 12: Final Touch



Press gently, check stitches, trim any excess stabilizer or threads, and display or gift the finished medallion.

Thread Color Chart

Color	Madeira Rayon #
 Clover	#1489 – Clover
 Cinnamon Candy	#1447 – Cinnamon Candy
 Cherry Pie	#1481 – Cherry Pie
 Amber Black	#1007 – Amber Black
 Sunshine Yellow	#1069 – Sunshine Yellow
 Natural White	#1004 – Natural White
 Orange Wisp	#1017 – Orange Wisp
 Gold Rush	#1024 – Gold Rush
 Super White	#1001 – Super White
 Peach Blush	#1013 – Peach Blush
 Orange Sorbet	#1026 – Orange Sorbet
 Parchment	#1123 – Parchment
 Rhino	#1062 – Rhino
 Cappuccino	#1445 – Cappuccino
 Stone	#1240 – Stone
 Meadow *	#1170 – Meadow (approximate match, not yet verified)
 Orange / Brown *	#1257 – Orange / Brown (approximate match, not yet verified)
 Tuxedo Red *	#1037 – Tuxedo Red (approximate match, not yet verified)

Design Color Stops

Thread color-change order for each design, taken directly from its embroidery file. See the Thread Color Chart above for full Madeira Rayon names.

Design	Color Stops (in stitch order)
	Center – "Merry Christmas" Wreath 1. ● Clover #1489 → 2. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 3. ● Clover #1489 → 4. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447
	Cardinal 1. ● Cherry Pie #1481 → 2. ● Clover #1489 → 3. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 4. ● Cherry Pie #1481 → 5. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 6. ● Amber Black #1007 → 7. ● Sunshine Yellow #1069 → 8. ● Amber Black #1007 → 9. ● Natural White #1004
	Poinsettia 1. ● Meadow * #1170 → 2. ● Tuxedo Red * #1037 → 3. ● Amber Black #1007 → 4. ● Sunshine Yellow #1069
	Christmas Truck 1. ● Cappuccino #1445 → 2. ● Amber Black #1007 → 3. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 4. ● Stone #1240 → 5. ● Amber Black #1007 → 6. ● Rhino #1062 → 7. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 8. ● Sunshine Yellow #1069 → 9. ● Clover #1489 → 10. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447
	Christmas Tree 1. ● Clover #1489 → 2. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 3. ● Orange Wisp #1017 → 4. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 5. ● Clover #1489 → 6. ● Amber Black #1007 → 7. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 8. ● Gold Rush #1024 → 9. ● Clover #1489 → 10. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 11. ● Sunshine Yellow #1069 → 12. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 13. ● Sunshine Yellow #1069 → 14. ● Natural White #1004 → 15. ● Clover #1489 → 16. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447

Design

Color Stops (in stitch order)



Snowman

1. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 2. ● Parchment #1123 → 3. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 4. ● Amber Black #1007 → 5. ● Cherry Pie #1481 → 6. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 7. ● Amber Black #1007 → 8. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 9. ● Sunshine Yellow #1069 → 10. ● Clover #1489 → 11. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447



Ice Skates

1. ● Cherry Pie #1481 → 2. ● Clover #1489 → 3. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 4. ● Rhino #1062 → 5. ● Parchment #1123 → 6. ● Cherry Pie #1481 → 7. ● Parchment #1123 → 8. ● Cherry Pie #1481 → 9. ● Amber Black #1007



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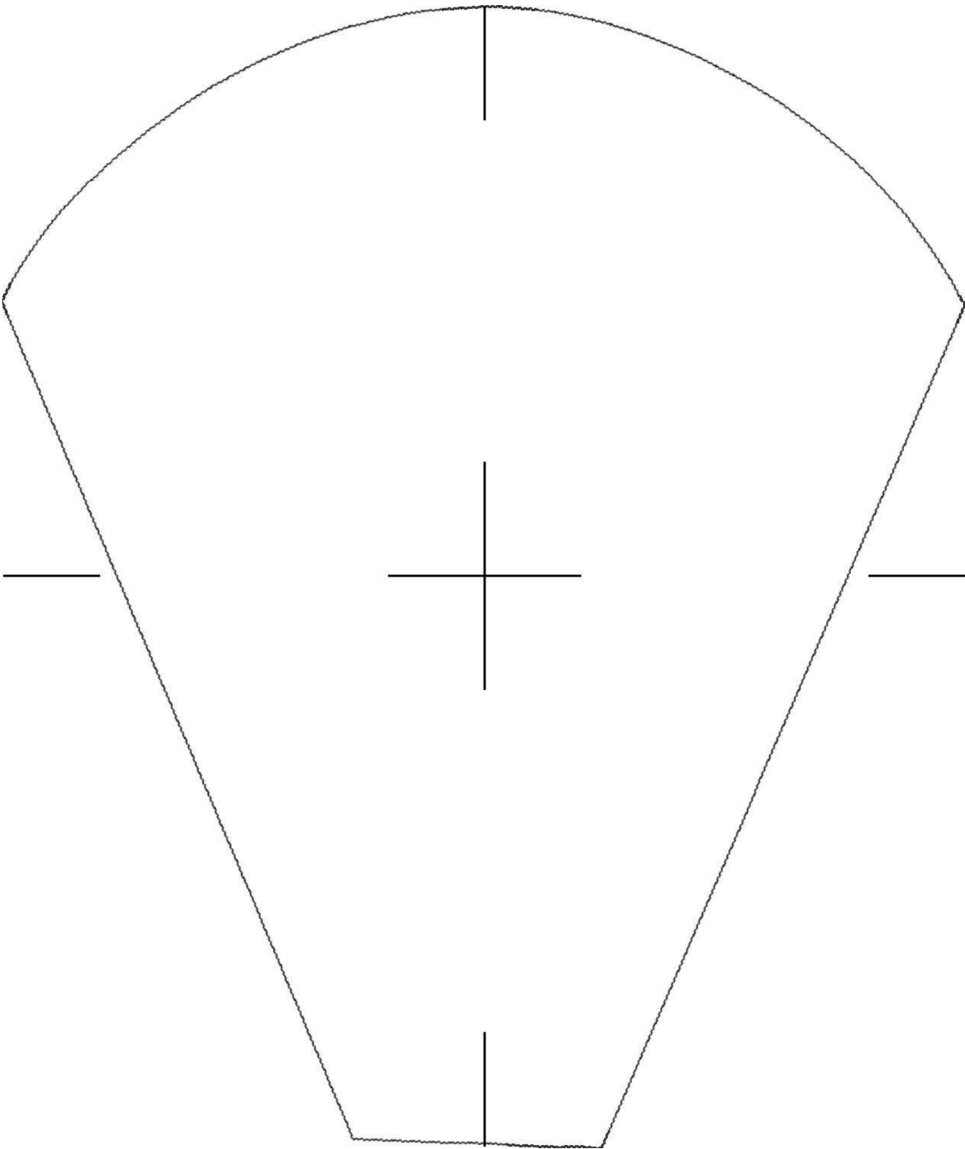
1. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 2. ● Super White #1001 → 3. ● Peach Blush #1013 → 4. ● Super White #1001 → 5. ● Clover #1489 → 6. ● Natural White #1004 → 7. ● Amber Black #1007 → 8. ● Orange Sorbet #1026 → 9. ● Amber Black #1007 → 10. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447 → 11. ● Natural White #1004 → 12. ● Clover #1489 → 13. ● Cinnamon Candy #1447



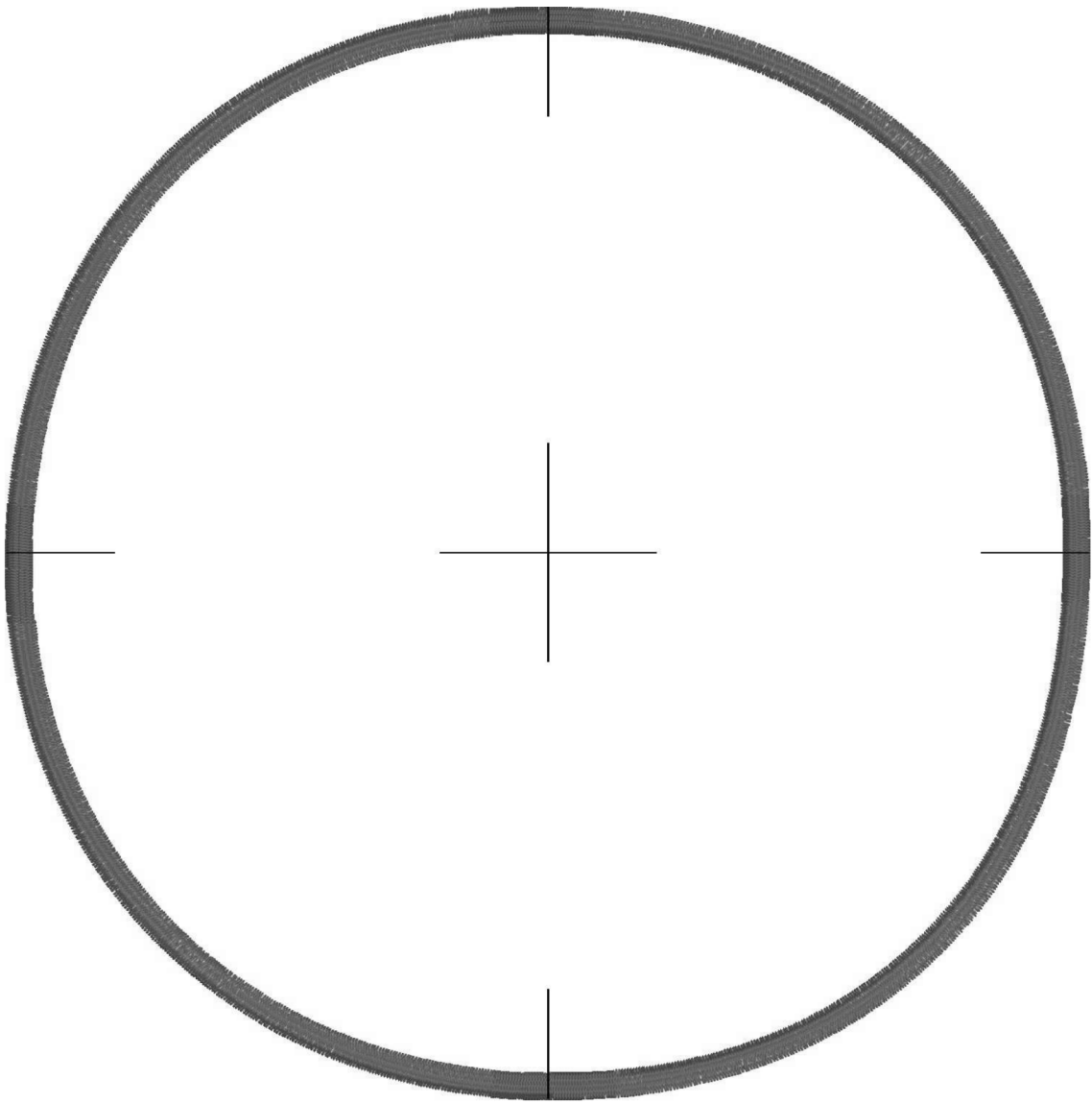
Gingerbread Man & Candy Cane

1. ● Meadow * #1170 → 2. ● Orange / Brown * #1257 → 3. ● Natural White #1004 → 4. ● Amber Black #1007 → 5. ● Tuxedo Red * #1037 → 6. ● Natural White #1004 → 7. ● Tuxedo Red * #1037 → 8. ● Sunshine Yellow #1069 → 9. ● Meadow * #1170

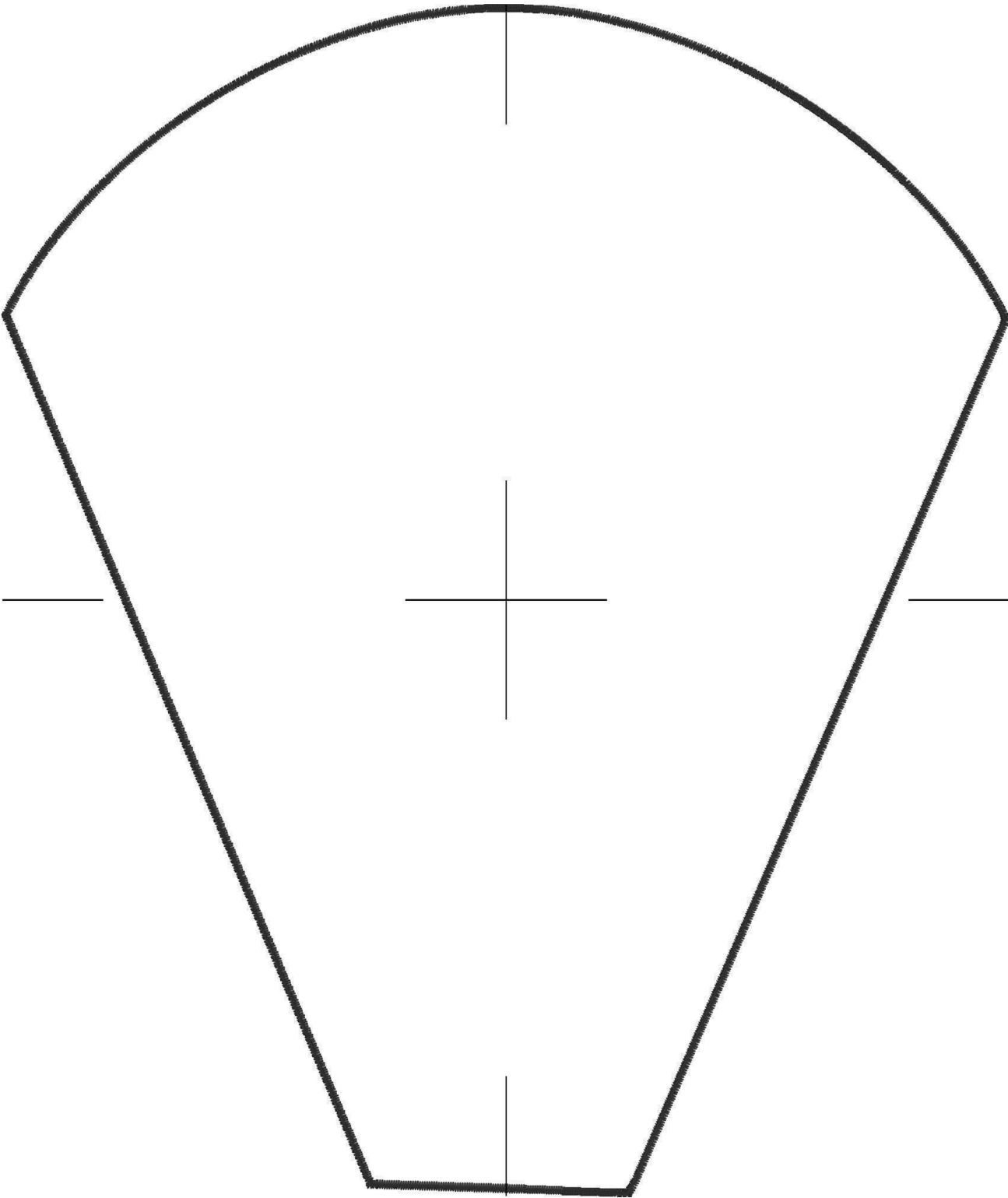
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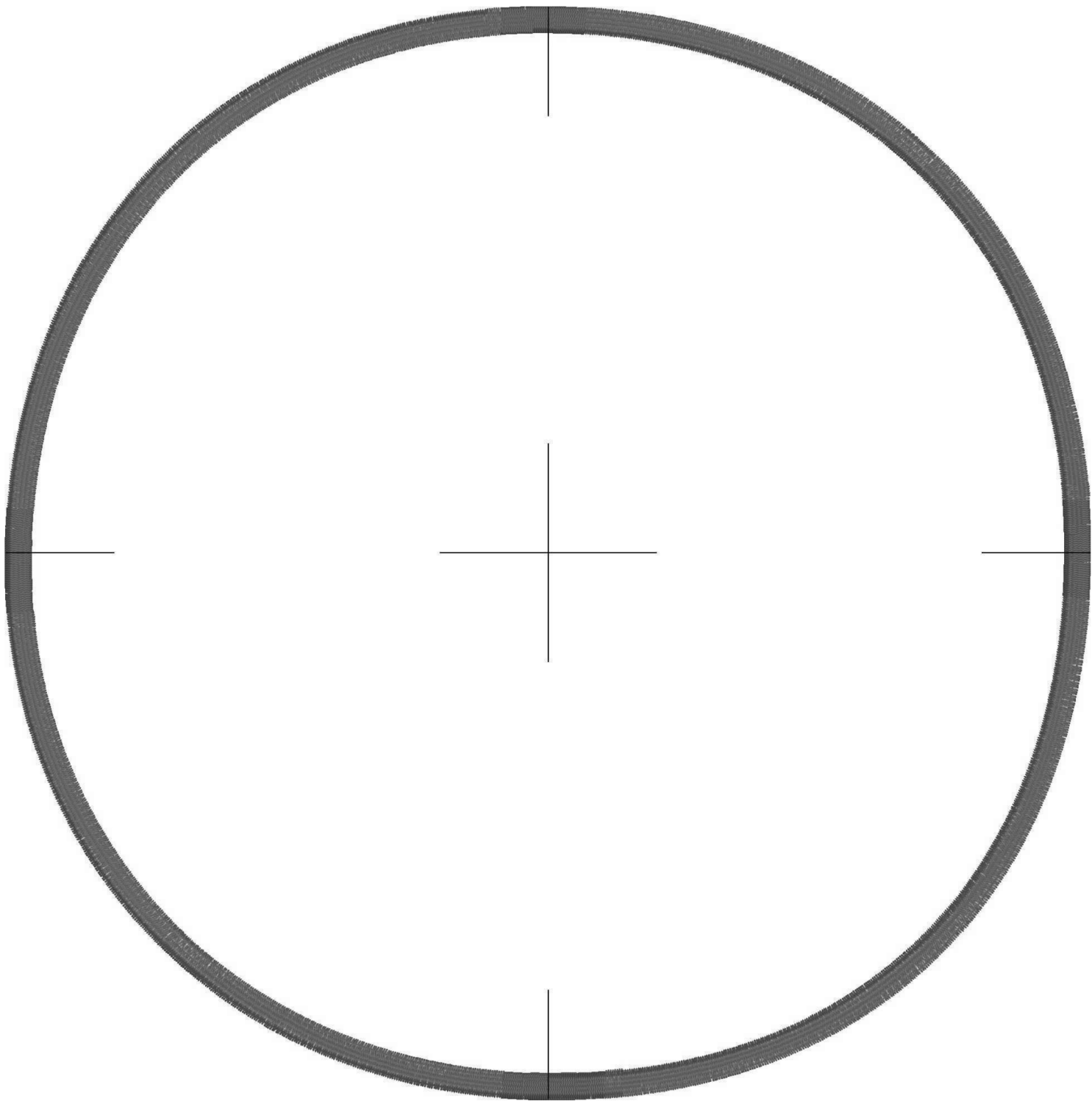
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