Vintage circus animal train sampler

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 4.3 in (10.2 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 5 strands
  Track ties, wheel spokes, whiskers, cowcatcher bars, pipe mouths, lashes, and 1 more
- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 4 strands
  Rails, lion tail, mouths, carved scrolls, elephant tail
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Couplings, lion tail tuft, lion mane, lion muzzle, noses, lion ear, and 40 more
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Lion body, lion face, seal, bear, elephant, giraffe
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Eyes, trellis panel, carved beads, bell, cab flower heart, ruff knots, and 6 more
- **Trellis stitch**, 3 strands
  Trellis panel
- **Herringbone stitch**, 4 strands
  Herringbone panel
- **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
  Cab flower, blanket flower
- **Split stitch**, 2 strands
  Bear arm edge, elephant ear edge
- **Feather stitch**, 3 strands
  Feather panel
- **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
  Chain panel
- **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
  Woven panel
- **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
  Buttonhole panel

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots and the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Track ties, wheels (light) and 10 more parts
- **DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Rails, couplings and caboose roof and 14 more parts
- **DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold**
  Lion body (dark), giraffe horns, lion tail and giraffe ear
- **DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta**
  Lion mane and caboose (darker) and 6 more parts
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw** Giraffe (lighter), lion body (light) and 15 more parts
- **DMC 3830 Terra Cotta**
  Wheels (dark), wagon rims (light) and 17 more parts
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Wheel spokes, buttonhole panel (light) and 10 more parts
- **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Trellis panel (lighter), wheels (middle) and 6 more parts
- **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Boiler, wagon sills (dark) and 8 more parts
- **DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Bear (darkest), bear ears and bear arm edge
- **DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Bear paws and bear muzzle
- **DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown** Bear (dark)
- **DMC 433 Medium Brown** Bear (light)
- **DMC 434 Light Brown** Bear (lightest)
- **DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Elephant (darker), elephant ear edge and elephant tail
- **DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet** Elephant (lighter), elephant ear

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

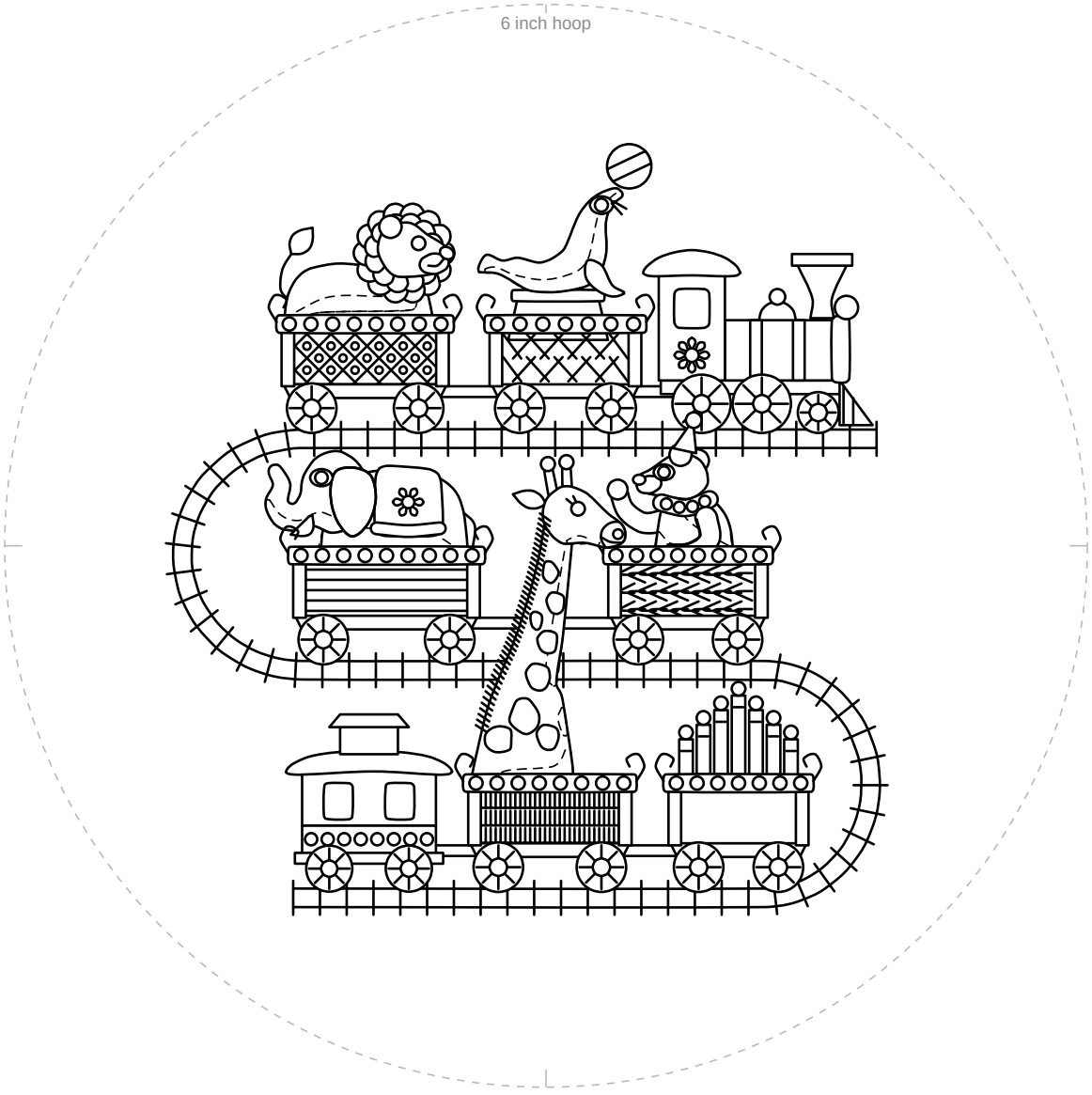
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6 inch hoop

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25.4 mm

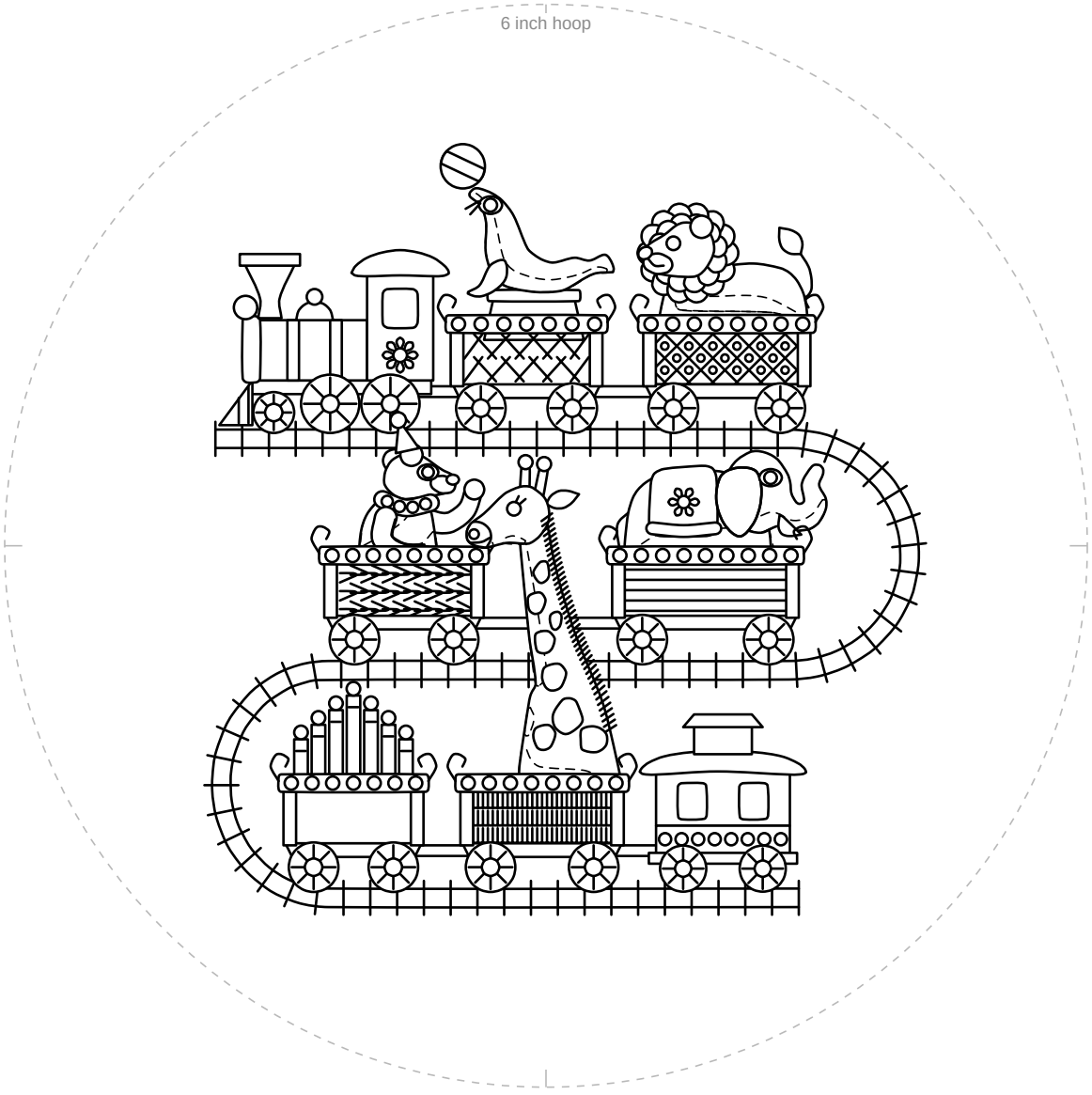
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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