Goddess Kali with red hibiscus

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Hair
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye whites, eye lines, brows, third eye, forehead mark, teeth, lips, tongue, earrings, crown jewels, crescent moon, leaves, hibiscus petals
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Earrings
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Hair strands, neck, face outline, eye lines, third eye line, nose, tongue line, earrings, stamens
5. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Nose ring, crown, crown band
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Teeth lines, petal veins
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye lights, brow dots, earring drops, crown pearls, stamens

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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

- **1 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Hair (darkest)
- **2 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue** Hair (dark)
- **3 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue** Hair (light)
- **4 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Hair (lightest)
- **5 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue** Hair strands
- **6 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Crown, earrings and crown band (middle), face outline, brows, nose and neck
- **7 DMC BLANC White**
  Eye whites, third eye, teeth, crown pearls and brow dots and 2 more parts
- **8 DMC 321 Red**
  Hibiscus petals (middle), crown jewels and lips, eye lines (darker) and 3 more parts
- **9 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Crown, crown band and earrings (light), stamens, eye lines (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **10 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Crown and crown band (dark), nose ring (darker)
- **11 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray** Teeth lines
- **12 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Hibiscus petals (light), tongue (lighter)
- **13 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Petal edges, petal veins and tongue line, hibiscus petals (dark)
- **14 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray** Crescent moon
- **15 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green** Leaves (darker)
- **16 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves (lighter)

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.

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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. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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

Stem stitch. 3 strands: face outline, stamens; 2 strands: neck, eye lines, third eye line, nose, tongue line, earrings; 1 strand: hair strands.
French knot. 2 strands: eye lights, earring drops, crown pearls, stamens; 1 strand: brow dots.

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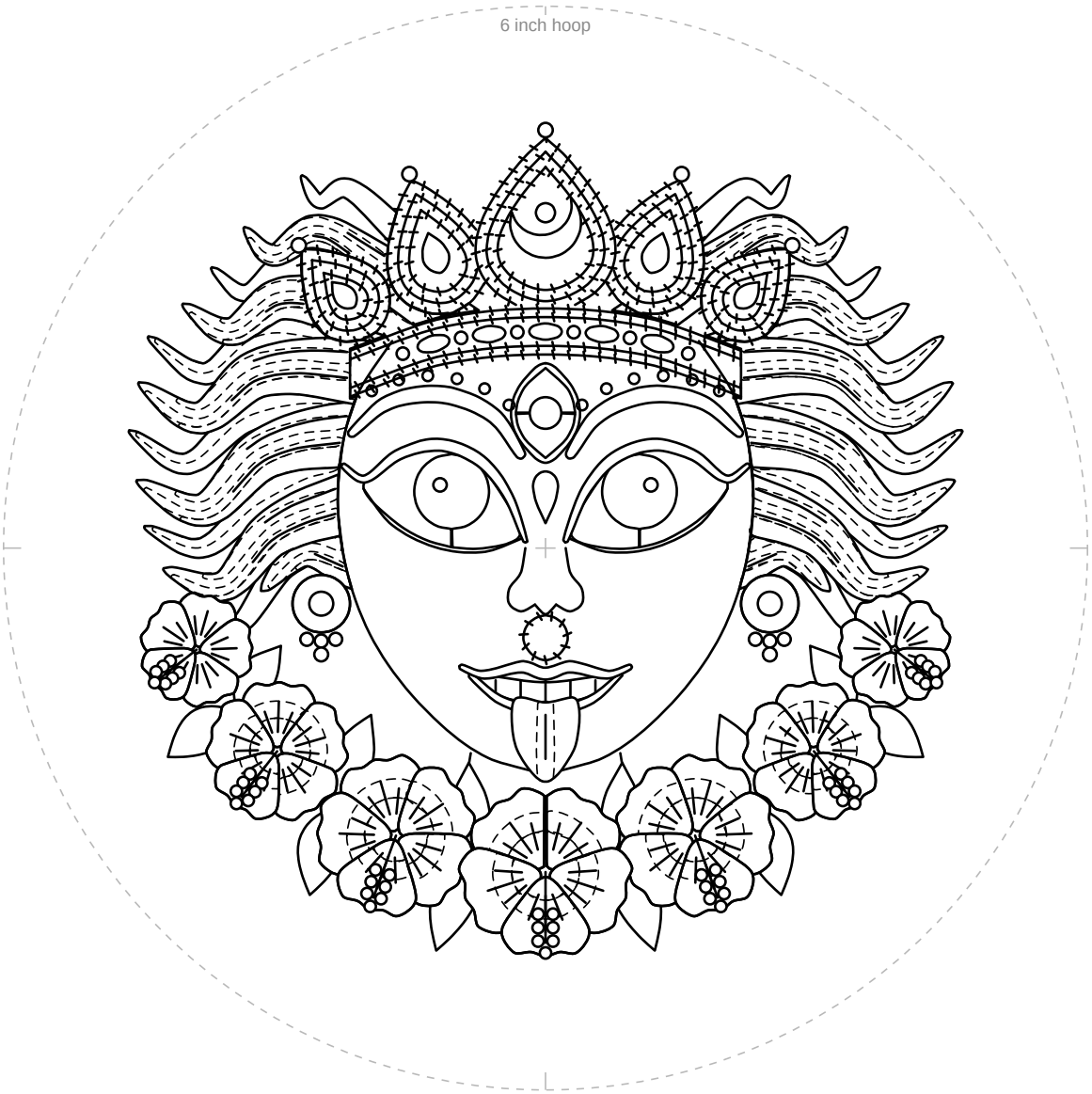
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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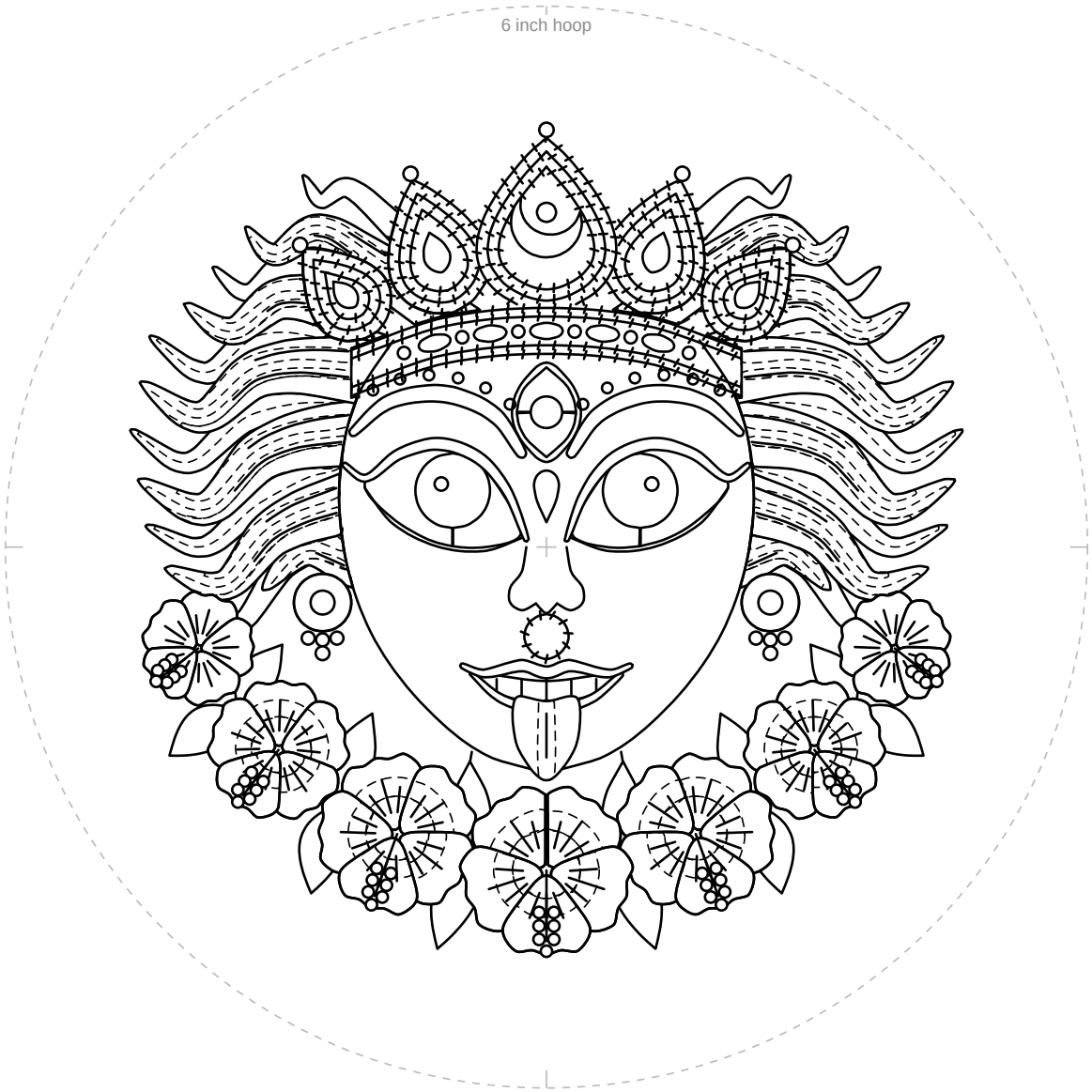
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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