Indian flag with paper kites

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.8 in (11.4 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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
   Saffron band, white band, green band
2. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Wheel hub, flag sleeve, pole, finial, kite tails, small kite, middle kite, large kite, kite disc, marigold buds, bud cups, marigolds
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Marigold leaves
4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Flag edge, wheel rim, kite edges, kite sticks
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Wheel spokes
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Kite lines, marigold stems
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Marigold hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice**
  Saffron band and marigolds (darkest), flag edge (middle), marigold hearts (dark)
- **2 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Marigolds and saffron band (dark), marigold buds (darker), marigold hearts (middle)
- **3 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin**
  Marigolds (middle dark), saffron band and marigold hearts (light)
- **4 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Marigolds (middle light), saffron band (lightest), marigold buds (lighter)
- **5 DMC BLANC White** White band (lighter), flag sleeve
- **6 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray** White band (darker)
- **7 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Green band (darkest), marigold leaves and flag edge (dark), marigold stems
- **8 DMC 699 Green** Green band (dark)
- **9 DMC 700 Bright Green** Green band (light)
- **10 DMC 702 Kelly Green** Green band (lightest)
- **11 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray** Flag edge (light)
- **12 DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue**
  Wheel spokes, wheel rim and wheel hub, kite edges (darker)
- **13 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Pole (lighter)
- **14 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown** Pole (darker), kite sticks
- **15 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz** Marigolds (light), finial
- **16 DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet**
  Kite lines, kite edges (lighter)
- **17 DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink**
  Large kite, small kite and kite tails (darker)
- **18 DMC 973 Bright Canary**
  Large kite, middle kite and small kite (lighter), marigolds (lightest)
- **19 DMC 3845 Medium Bright Turquoise**
  Middle kite (darker), kite tails (lighter), kite disc
- **20 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Marigold leaves (middle), bud cups
- **21 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green**
  Marigold leaves (light)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 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 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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

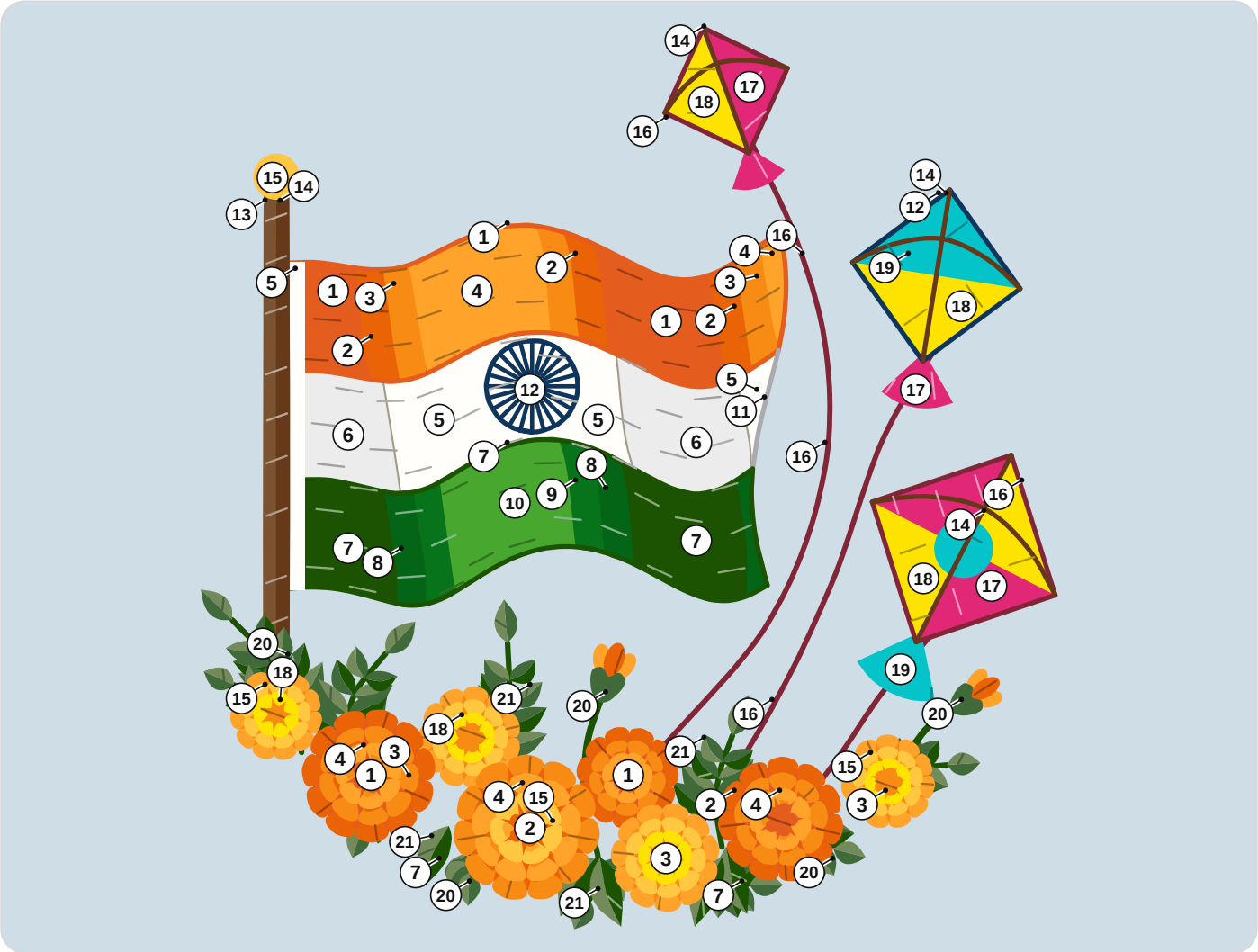
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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

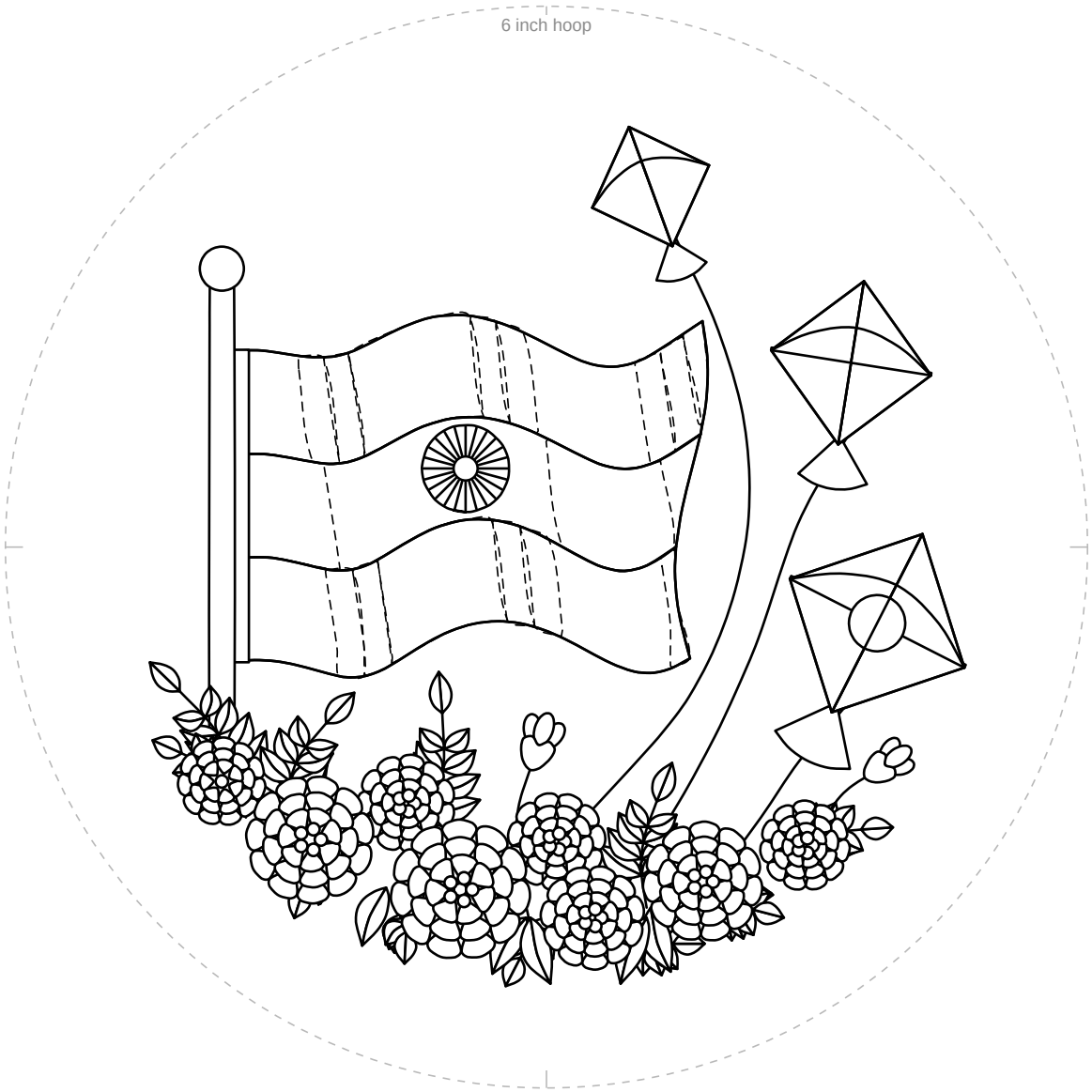
Satin stitch. 2 strands: flag sleeve, pole, finial, kite tails, small kite, middle kite, large kite, kite disc, marigold buds, bud cups, marigolds; 1 strand: wheel hub.
Stem stitch. 2 or 3 strands: marigold stems; 1 strand: kite lines.

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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

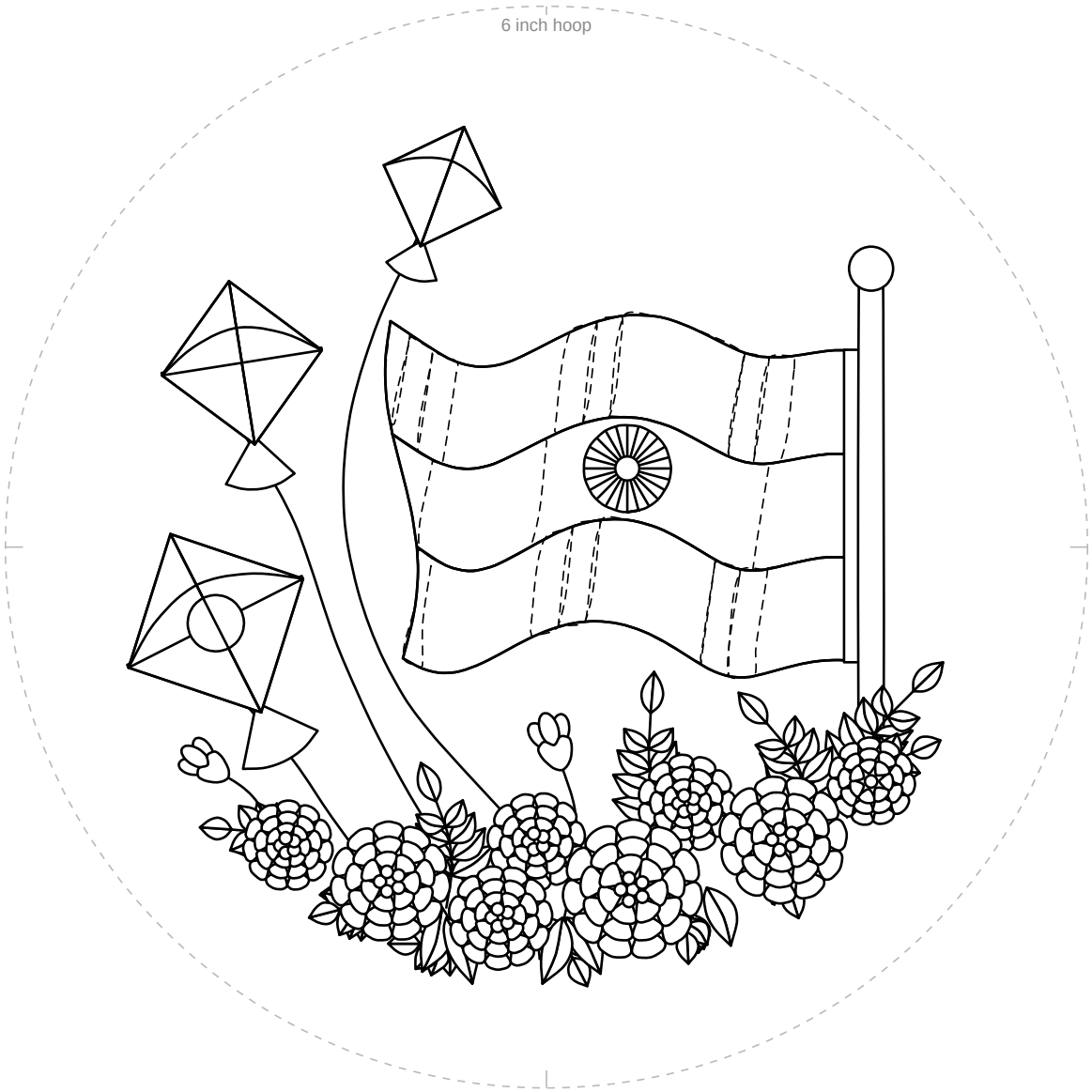
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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