Kasuti gopura temple motif, Karnataka

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.5 × 4.4 in (8.9 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

1. **Holbein stitch**
   3 strands: murgi band, lamps, parrot wing bars, parrot collars, tower outline, doorsteps, cornices, murgi steps, lamp flames, parrot beaks, parrot feet, parrots, doorway, pot finial, parrot eyes
   2 strands: plinth lattice, murgi pillars, first tier lattice, cornice zigzags, inner murgi steps, second tier lattice, third tier lattice, fourth tier lattice, roof arch, band diamonds

Floss

- **DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Second tier lattice, cornice zigzags and first tier lattice and 10 more parts
- **DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Cornices, tower outline and murgi steps, murgi band (darker) and 5 more parts
- **DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse**
  Parrots
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Band diamonds, lamp flames and roof arch (lighter), doorway, pot finial and parrot eyes

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.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 2 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 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

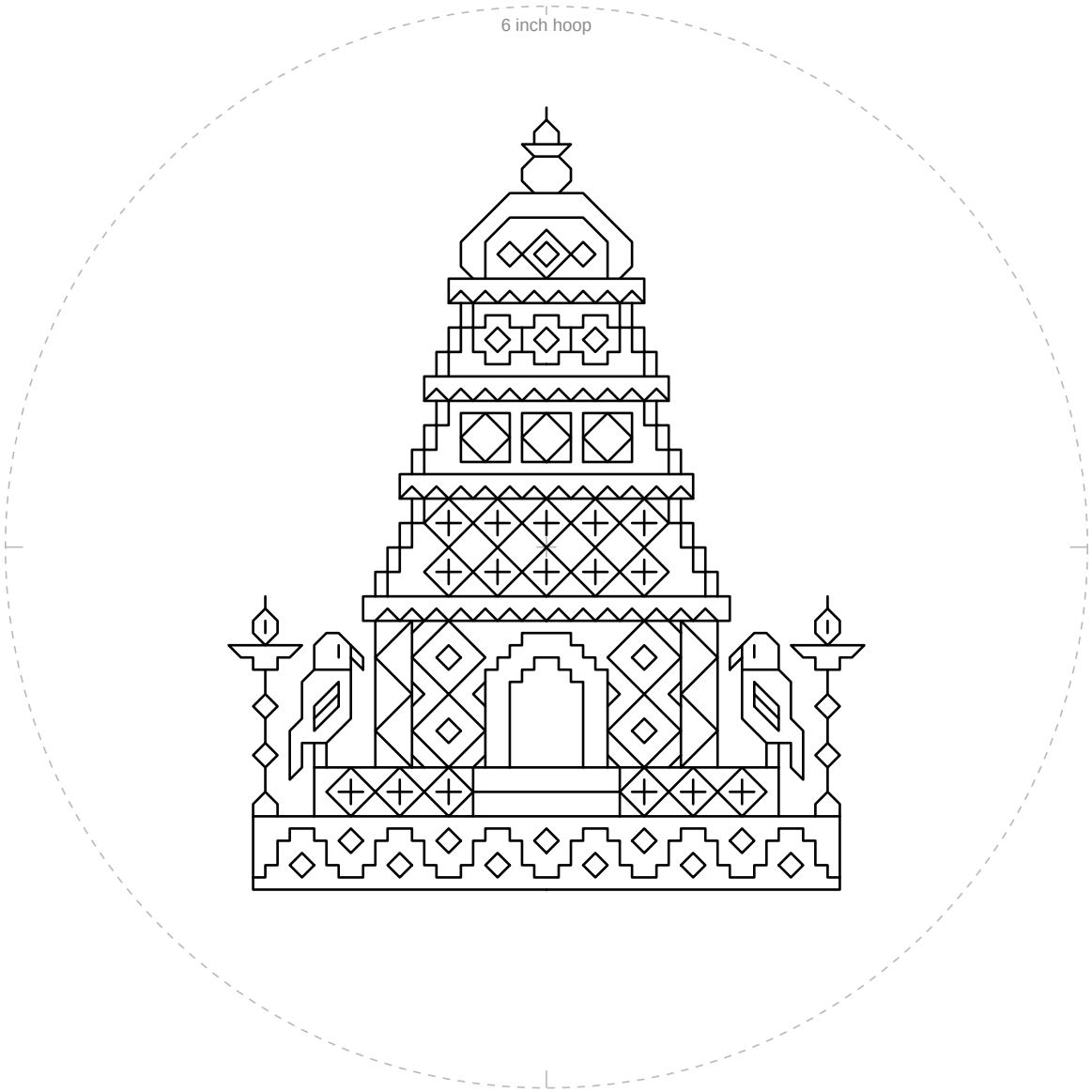
Page 2 is the pattern at actual size (page 3 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

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

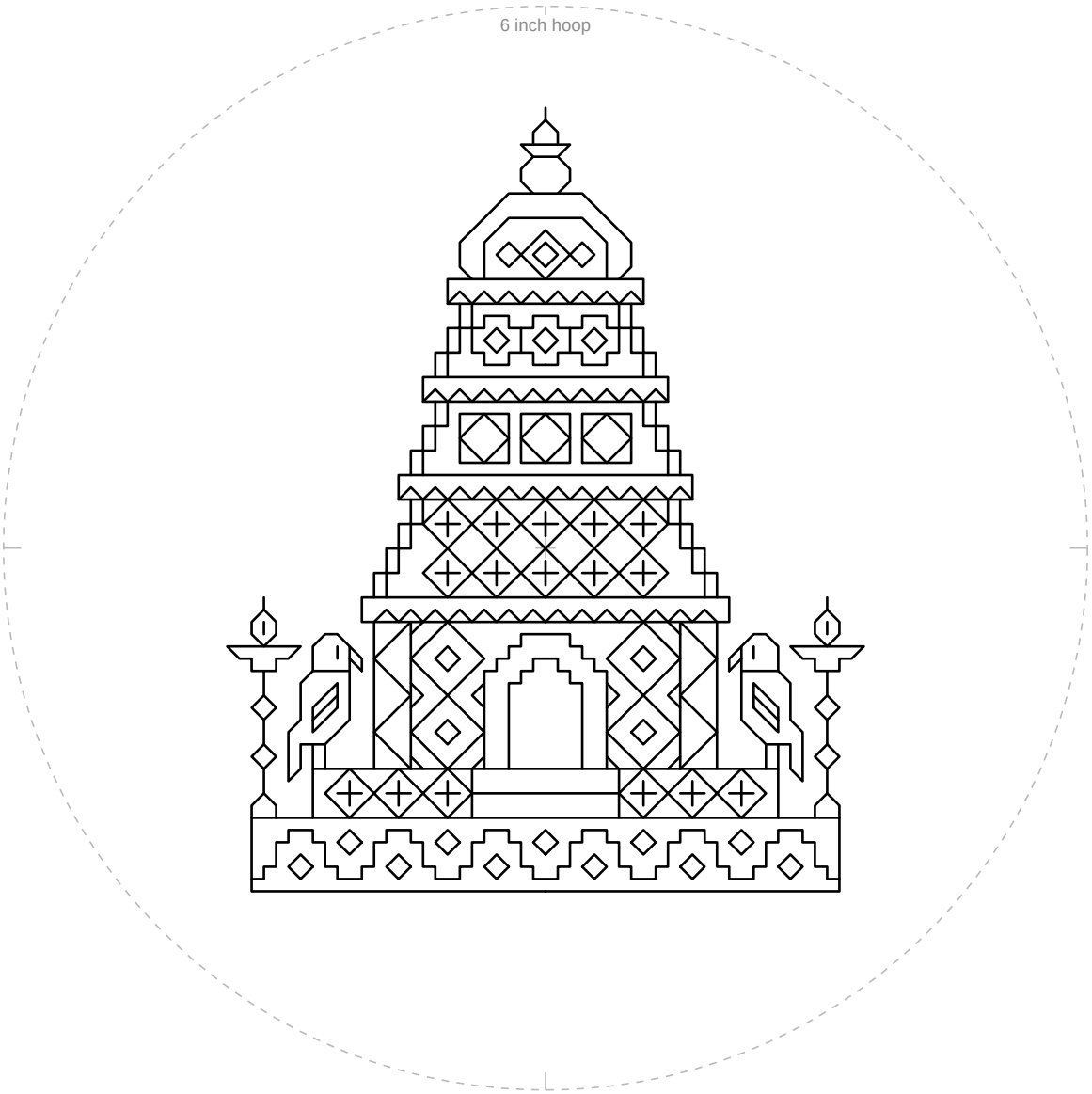
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6 inch hoop

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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