Mama’s boy

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 316; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing’s lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker’s carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen’s packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21
   2 strands: sky, sun, far hills, grassland
   1 strand: mother far legs, mother, ear shadow, mother ear, calf far legs, calf, calf ear, egret



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 5, 6, 8, 20, 21, 22, 23
   Cloud bars, acacia, toenails, tusk, eye, pupil, egret bill, letters



3. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 14, 16, 17
   Tusk shade, ear folds, ear edge, egret wing

4. **Straight stitch**
   colors 12, 14, 17, 21, 23
   2 strands: tail tuft, eye highlight, calf tail (color 14)
   1 strand: eye amber, lashes, trunk creases (color 17), calf hair, egret legs



5. **Stem stitch**
   colors 2, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22
   2 strands: lines of the acacia, calf tail (color 17), grass
   3 strands: mother tail, edge
   1 strand: skin folds, rim highlight, trunk creases (color 15), mouth, eyelids, smile

6. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   1 strand, color 9
   Seed heads



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 23
   Knots of the eye



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 316 Medium Antique Mauve	9	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	17	DMC 317 Pewter Gray
2	DMC 29 Eggplant	10	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	18	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
3	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	11	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	19	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
4	DMC 223 Light Shell Pink	12	DMC 3826 Golden Brown	20	DMC 945 Tawny
5	DMC 352 Light Coral	13	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown	21	DMC 712 Cream
6	DMC 3824 Light Apricot	14	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	22	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
7	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice	15	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	23	DMC 310 Black
8	DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold	16	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray		

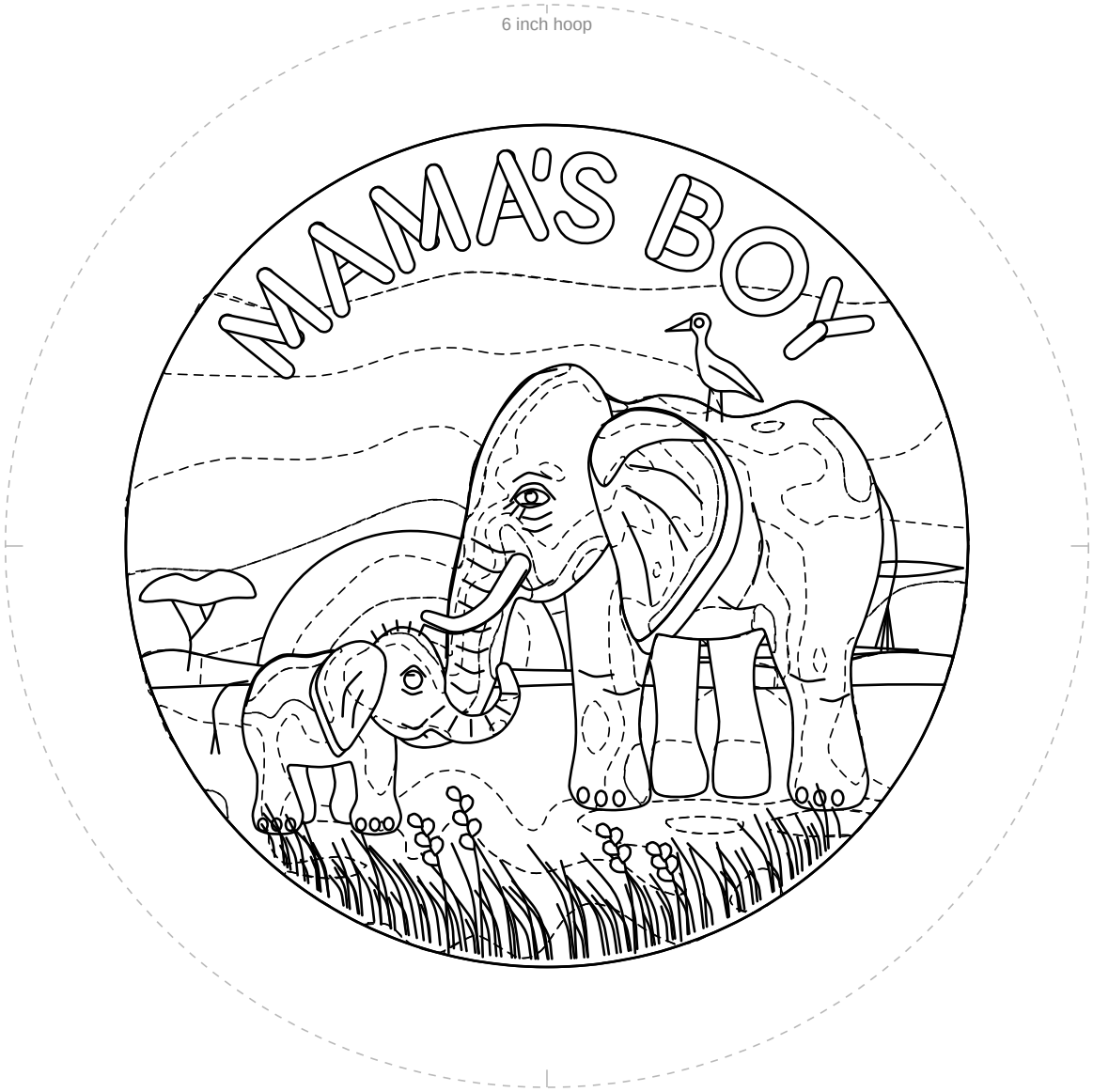
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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