Nakshi kantha style elephant square

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.5 × 3.8 in (8.9 × 9.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Border triangles, corner diamonds, toenails, ear, ear lining, eye



2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Branch leaves, corner leaves



3. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Frame lines, body outline, ear outline, brow, mouth, tail, branch

4. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Far leg rows, body rows, head and trunk rows, path, inner row

5. **Straight stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Eye light, tail



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Corner knots



Floss

- **1 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta**
  Border triangles and ear
- **2 DMC 712 Cream**
  Inner row, corner diamonds, toenails, corner knots and eye light, eye (lighter)
- **3 DMC 934 Black Avocado Green**
  Frame lines and branch
- **4 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Body outline, far leg rows, tail, mouth and brow, eye (darker)
- **5 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Body rows and head and trunk rows
- **6 DMC 3830 Terra Cotta**
  Ear lining
- **7 DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta**
  Ear outline
- **8 DMC 469 Avocado Green**
  Corner leaves and branch leaves (lighter)
- **9 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Corner leaves and branch leaves (darker), path

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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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 dashed line is running stitch.

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. 4 strands: branch; 3 or 4 strands: body outline; 3 strands: frame lines, ear outline, tail; 2 strands: brow, mouth.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: tail; 2 strands: eye light.

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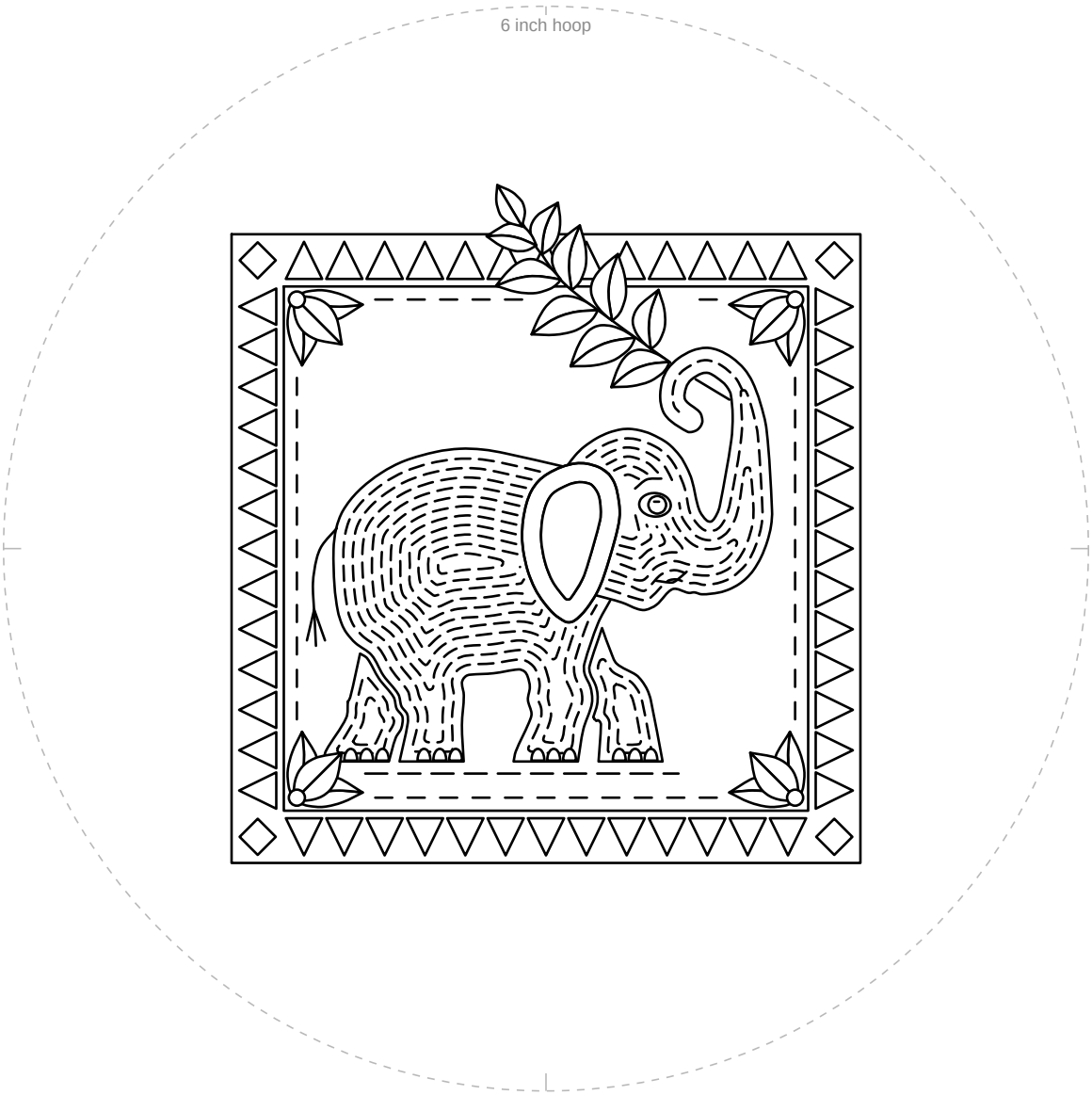
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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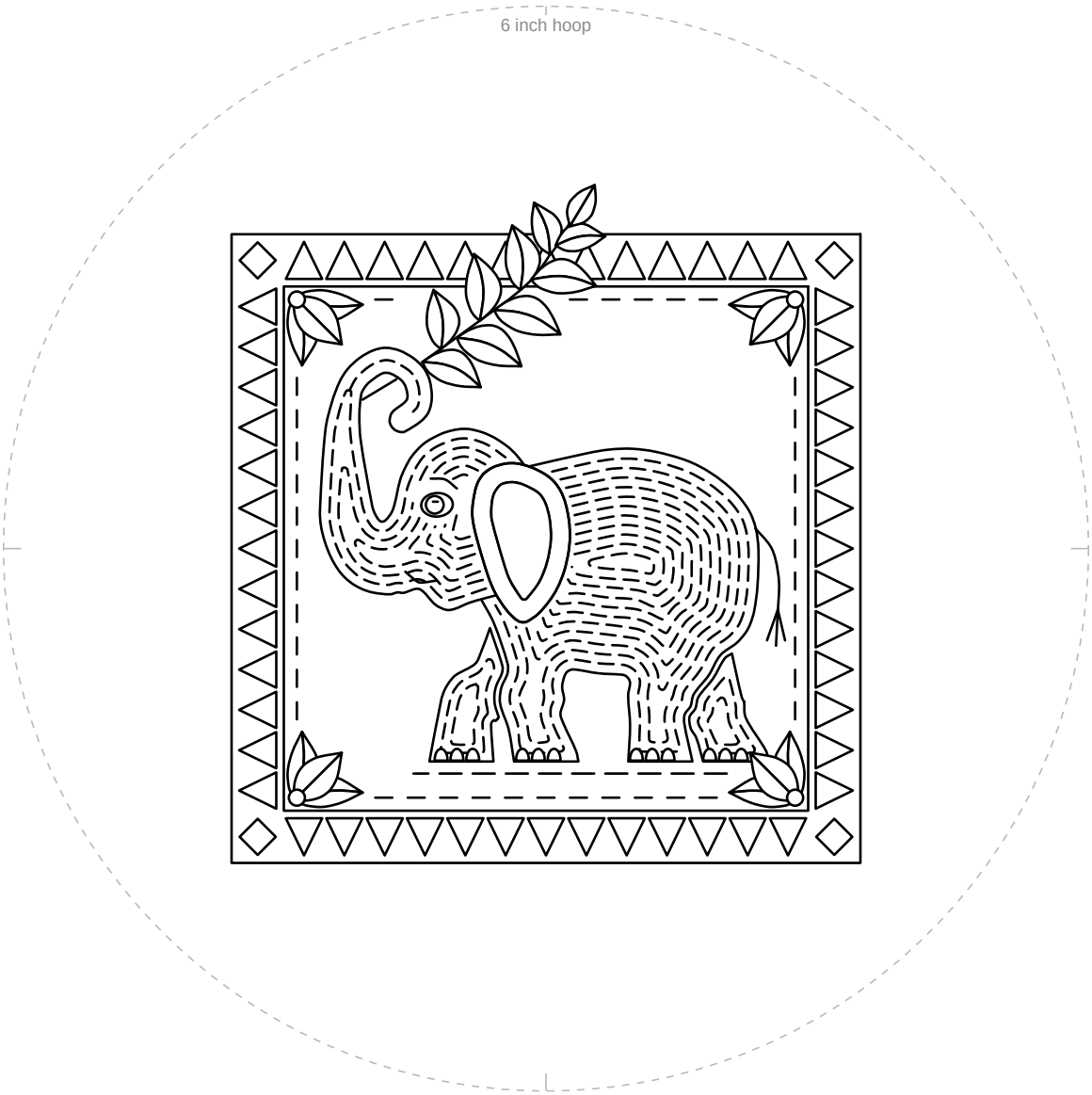
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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