Namaste elephant

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

22 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 932 and 2 of DMC 931; 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Stems
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ears, ear linings, lotus petals, tusks, head and trunk, brow cloth
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, bud caps
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tusk bands, brow cloth border, gold lotus, letters
5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: ear lining edges, tusk edges, eyelids
   3 strands: outline
   1 strand: lotus edges
   4 strands: eyes
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Trunk wrinkles
7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lashes
8. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Gold cord
9. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Band edges, gold lotus edges
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Ear petals, trunk petals
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Jewel
12. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Gold dots, pearls, gold beads

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

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.

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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 932 Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
2	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	10	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	18	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige
3	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	11	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	19	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	12	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	20	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue
5	DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose	13	DMC 605 Very Light Cranberry	21	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
6	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	14	DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink	22	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
7	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	15	DMC 3806 Light Cyclamen Pink		
8	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	16	DMC 150 Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose		

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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

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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