Odisha style dancers under a tree

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.6 × 4 in (9.1 × 10.2 cm)



A number is a row of the list.
Fabric: dark rust cotton or linen.

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 2 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 2 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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

Buy: one skein (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 7, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark rust cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Floss

- [ ] **DMC BLANC White**
  Border lines, border triangles, chests, skirts, leaves, branches, beam, heads, beam zigzag, legs, arms, trunk chevrons, trunk, deer, peacock tail, drum, peacock, bird, hair buns, sun, waved branch, clasped hands, drummer cloth, necks, deer legs, moon, deer antlers, border corners, peacock legs, drummer plume and peacock crest

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: deer legs, legs, lines of the waved branch
   2 strands: peacock legs (DMC BLANC), lines of the peacock tail
   4 strands: arms

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Border triangles, border corners, branches, leaves, bird, deer, peacock, peacock tail, sun, moon, skirts, chests, necks, heads, hair buns, clasped hands, waved branch, drummer cloth, drum



3. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: border lines, beam, trunk, edges of the drum
   2 strands: deer antlers (DMC BLANC), edges of the skirts

4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: beam zigzag, trunk chevrons, deer antlers (DMC BLANC), peacock legs (DMC BLANC), peacock crest, lines of the sun, lines of the skirts, drummer plume, lines of the drum
   3 strands: lines of the bird, lines of the peacock



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

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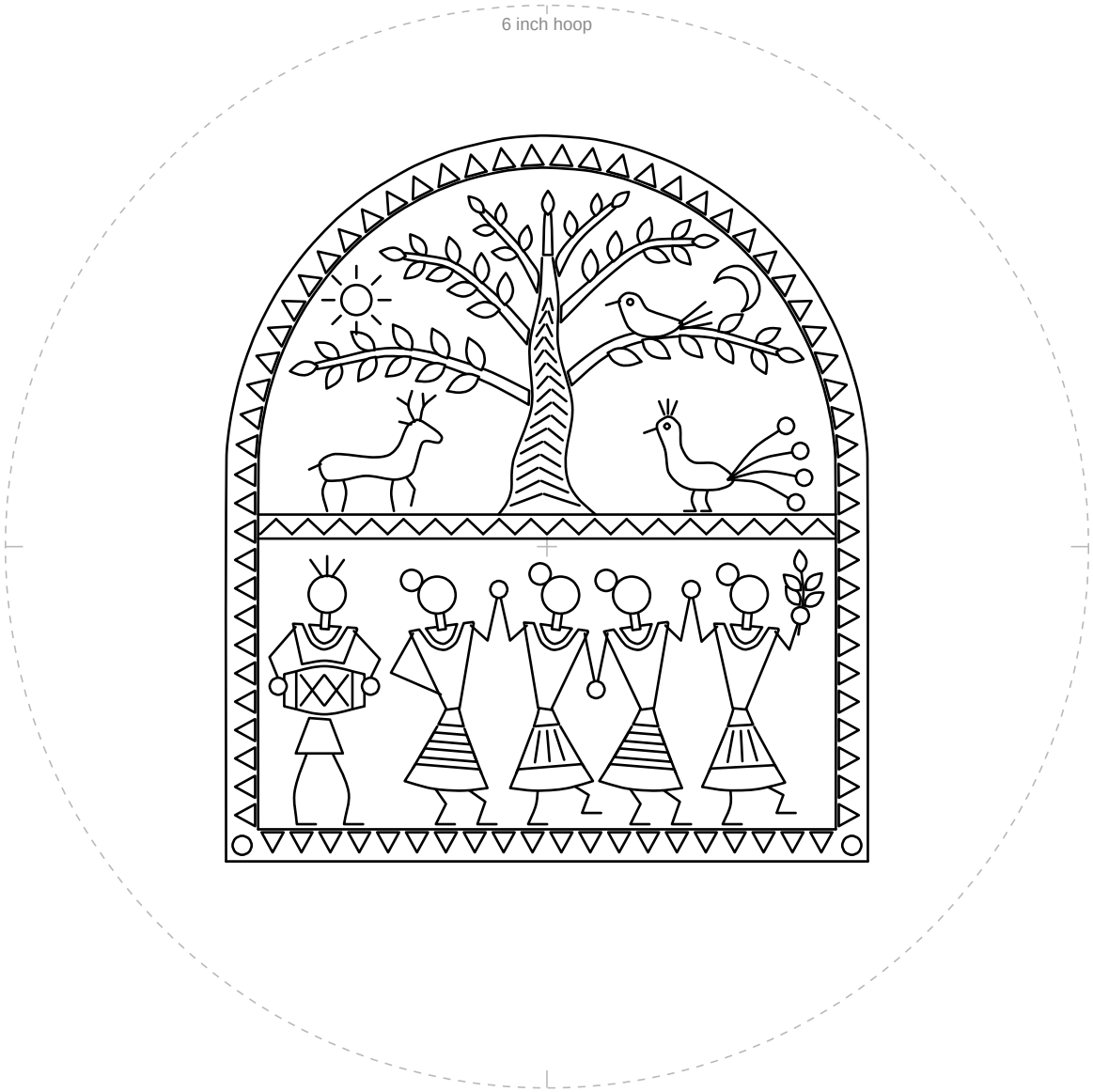
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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