Small circus big top with pennants

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.2 in (9.7 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Inside the tent, curtains, lawn, balloon, elephant body, elephant head
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Canvas stripes, valance, mast collars, mast flags, pennants, rope knots, balloon, bluebird tail, bluebird, bluebird breast, bluebird wing, and 11 more
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 4 strands
  Curtain folds, curtain edge, seams, masts, ridge, valance trim, eave, side poles, flower stems, elephant tail, blanket trim, pennant stick
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Valance knots, pole knobs, bluebird eye, flower hearts
- **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Flag edges, balloon edge, elephant edges, trunk folds, elephant smile
- **Back stitch**, 2 strands
  Pennant ropes, balloon string
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Wing feathers, bird legs, grass, flowers, elephant tail, toenails, eye light
- **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
  Flower leaves, flowers

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.

Floss

- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Inside the tent, bluebird wing and bluebird tail
- **DMC 3328 Dark Salmon**
  Canvas stripes (darker), tub and mast flags, flowers (middle) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Canvas stripes (lighter), tub stars, pennant stick and toenails and 2 more parts
- **DMC 3821 Straw**
  Curtains, tub rims and valance trim, balloon (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Curtain folds, curtain edge, balloon edge and valance knots and 5 more parts
- **DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Seams, eave, flag edges and ridge, flower hearts (darker)
- **DMC 988 Medium Forest Green** Lawn and grass (lighter)
- **DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Lawn and grass (darker), flower leaves and flower stems
- **DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray**
  Pennant ropes, side poles, masts, rope knots, balloon string and bird legs
- **DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Valance, blanket and bluebird, pennants and flowers (dark)
- **DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray**
  Elephant edges, elephant smile, elephant eye and bluebird eye, elephant tail (darker)
- **DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Elephant far legs and trunk folds, elephant body (dark), elephant tail (lighter)
- **DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Elephant body (middle), elephant ear, elephant head (darker)
- **DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Elephant head (lighter), elephant body (light)
- **DMC 761 Light Salmon** Inner ear

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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25.4 mm

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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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