Vintage patterned elephant with a key

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 3.6 in (11.7 × 9.1 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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 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.

Buy: 10 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: outline
   3 strands: vine

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Far legs, key panel



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves (color 8)



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Feet, toenails, anklets, scallops, blanket border, tassels, key, key collars, leaves (color 8), flower petals, flower centers, buds, trunk bands, tusk, tusk band, headcloth, headcloth border, brow drop, eye, cheek rosette, ear scallops, ear drops, tail, tail tuft, ground flowers, ground flower centers



5. **Chain stitch**
   3 strands: body chain
   2 strands: blanket edge, bridle



6. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: anklet edges, mouth, headcloth edges, eyelid
   1 strand: tusk edge
   2 strands: eye creases, ear ribs
   4 strands: ground line

7. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: tassel ties
   2 strands: lashes



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: anklet knots, blanket knots, scallop knots, ground knots
   1 strand: headcloth knots, eye highlight, ear knots



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

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Vintage patterned elephant with a key

6 inch hoop

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



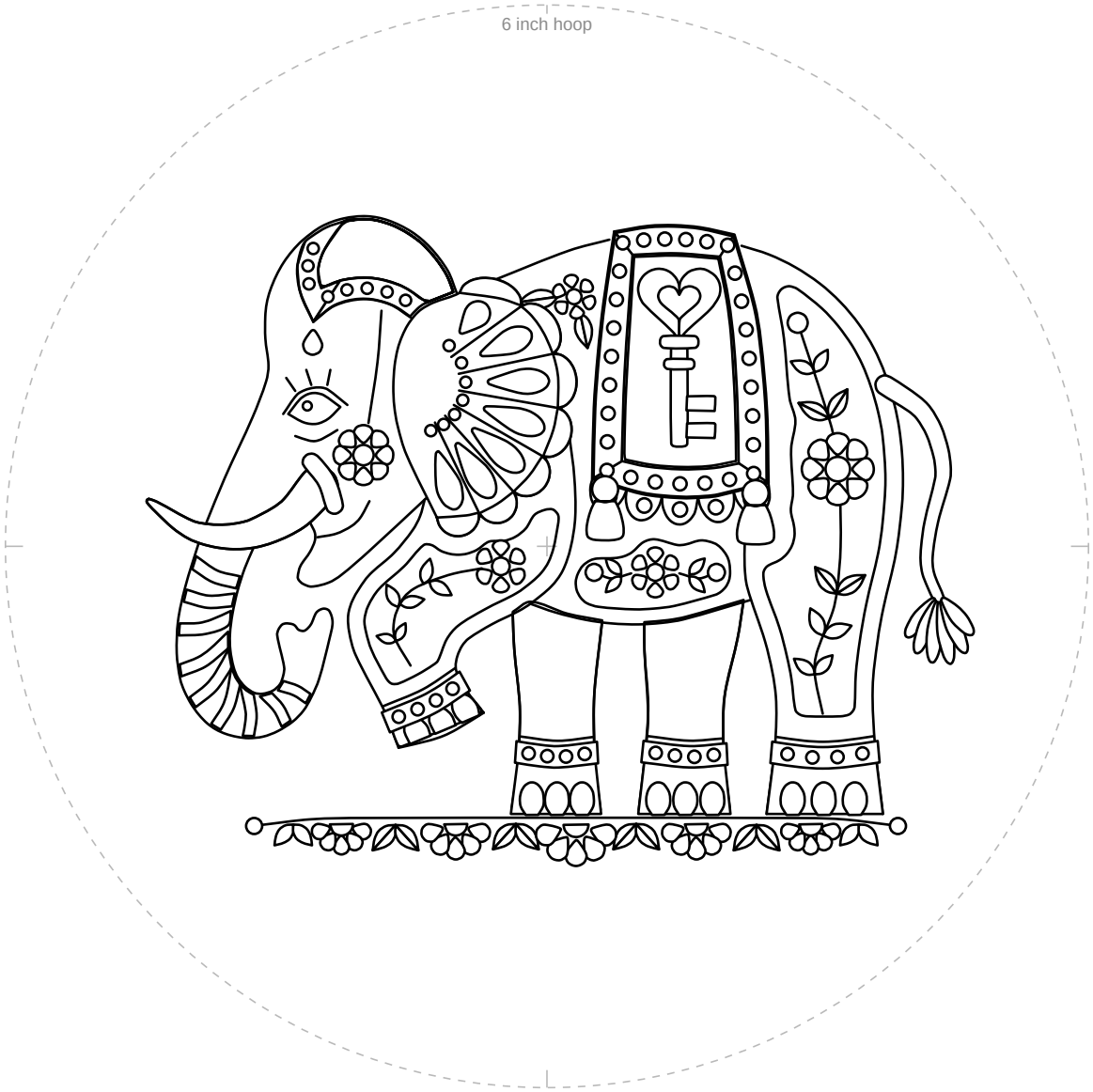
1	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	**5**	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	**9**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
2	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	**6**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**10**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
3	DMC 336 Navy Blue	**7**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz		
4	DMC 3865 Winter White	**8**	DMC 3346 Hunter Green		

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Vintage patterned elephant with a key

6 inch hoop

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

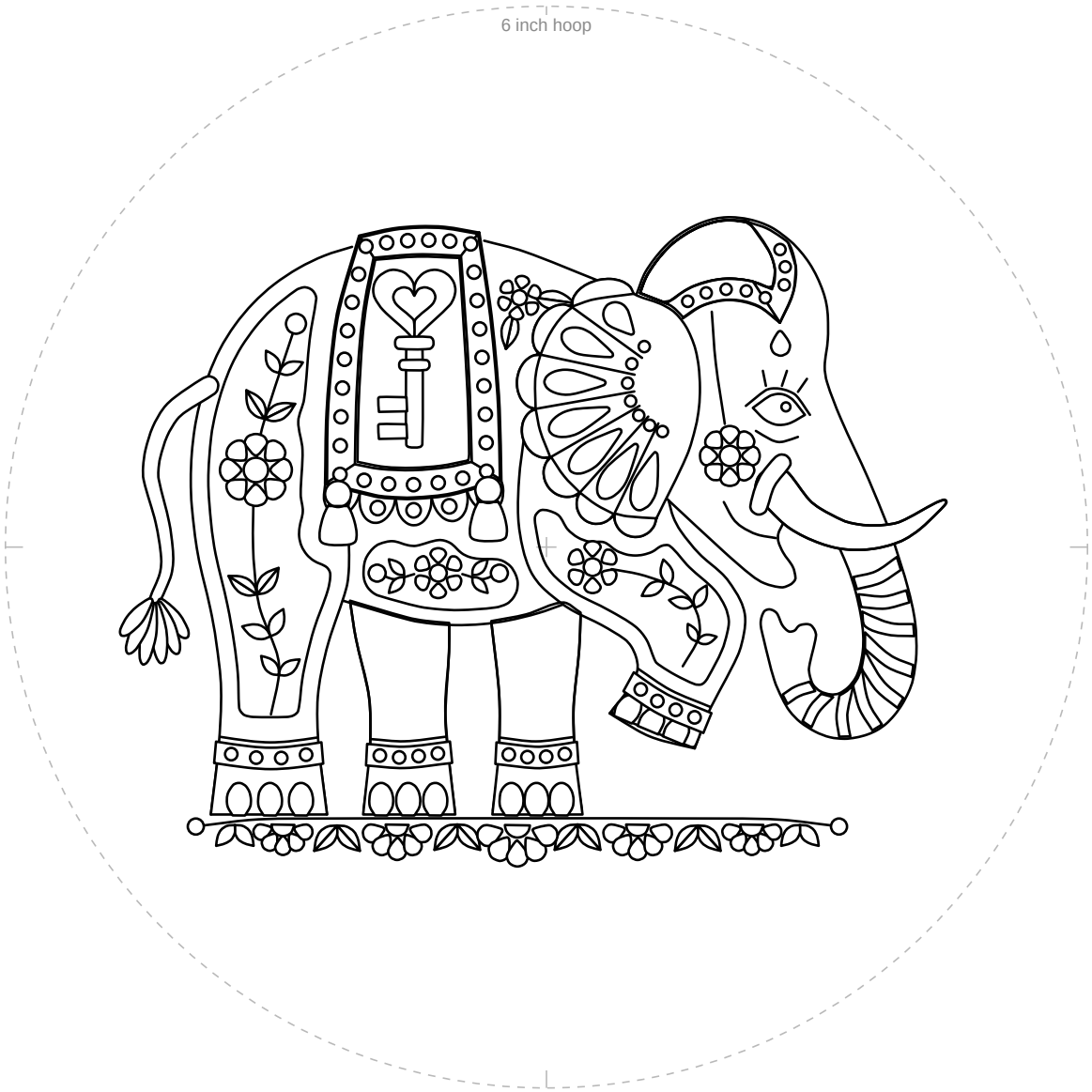
Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Vintage patterned elephant with a key

6 inch hoop

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



1 in
25.4 mm

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

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.