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*Nelly in the Sky with  
Diamonds*



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A baby elephant - a warm starry summer's night - what's not to like in this simple design? It's perfect for beginner stitchers, and a quick project for the more experienced.

Easy applique and embroidery stitches combine to great effect in this cute nelfant picture!

Nelly is shown mounted in a 7" hoop.

# Nelly in the Sky with Diamonds



## Materials

- 10" square dark blue cotton or linen fabric
- 7" x 4" white cotton (medium weight so background doesn't show through) for Nelly
- 6" x 4" cotton (quilting weight is fine) for Nelly's hill.
- Stranded cotton embroidery floss in metallic silver dark, medium and light blue, green to match the green of your hill and red for Nelly's name.
- Bondaweb or fabric spray adhesive
- Temporary fabric marker pen
- 7" embroidery hoop
- 24" x 3" red gingham fabric to wrap hoop (optional)
- Hot glue gun to secure wrapping fabric.



## Method

- Using your preferred method transfer the pattern for Nelly to your white cotton fabric. DO NOT stitch her yet.
  - Iron a 7" x 4" bondaweb rectangle to the back of Nelly, then cut her out using your transferred lines as a guide.
  - Trace the hill shape onto the paper side of your Bondaweb, iron onto fabric, then cut out.
  - Peel off backing and iron hill onto the backing fabric. Peel off Nelly's backing fabric and iron her onto the hill.
  - Write Nelly's name onto the hill in a nice curly script using your temporary fabric marker pen. Now stitch your design following the stitch guide.
  - NOTE: 2 strands of floss are used throughout.
- Wrap your gingham round the top hoop, overlapping the strip so no wood shows through and securing with blobs of glue as you go. Continue until the whole hoop is covered.
  - Position Nelly in frame. When you're happy with the position, tighten the screw as much as you can.
  - Trim off excess fabric to about ½".
  - Run a little hot glue around the inside of the hoop and press your excess fabric down onto it.
  - If you like, for neatness, you can cut a circle of felt to fit over the back of your embroidery and secure in place with a little fabric spray adhesive.



- When you've finished stitching press your work on the back.
- Now tear or cut your red gingham fabric into 1" strips (depending on the neatness of finish you'd like).
- Secure end of first strip to the upper part of your hoop next to the screw fitting.



Stars are straight stitches meeting at a centre point in silver floss

Blanket stitch in pale blue around Nelly's outline

Stitch outline of front tusk (where it crosses trunk) in back stitch dark blue

Toes are blanket stitch (smaller) in dark blue

Ear is back stitch dark blue and blanket stitch medium blue

Spots are satin stitch medium blue

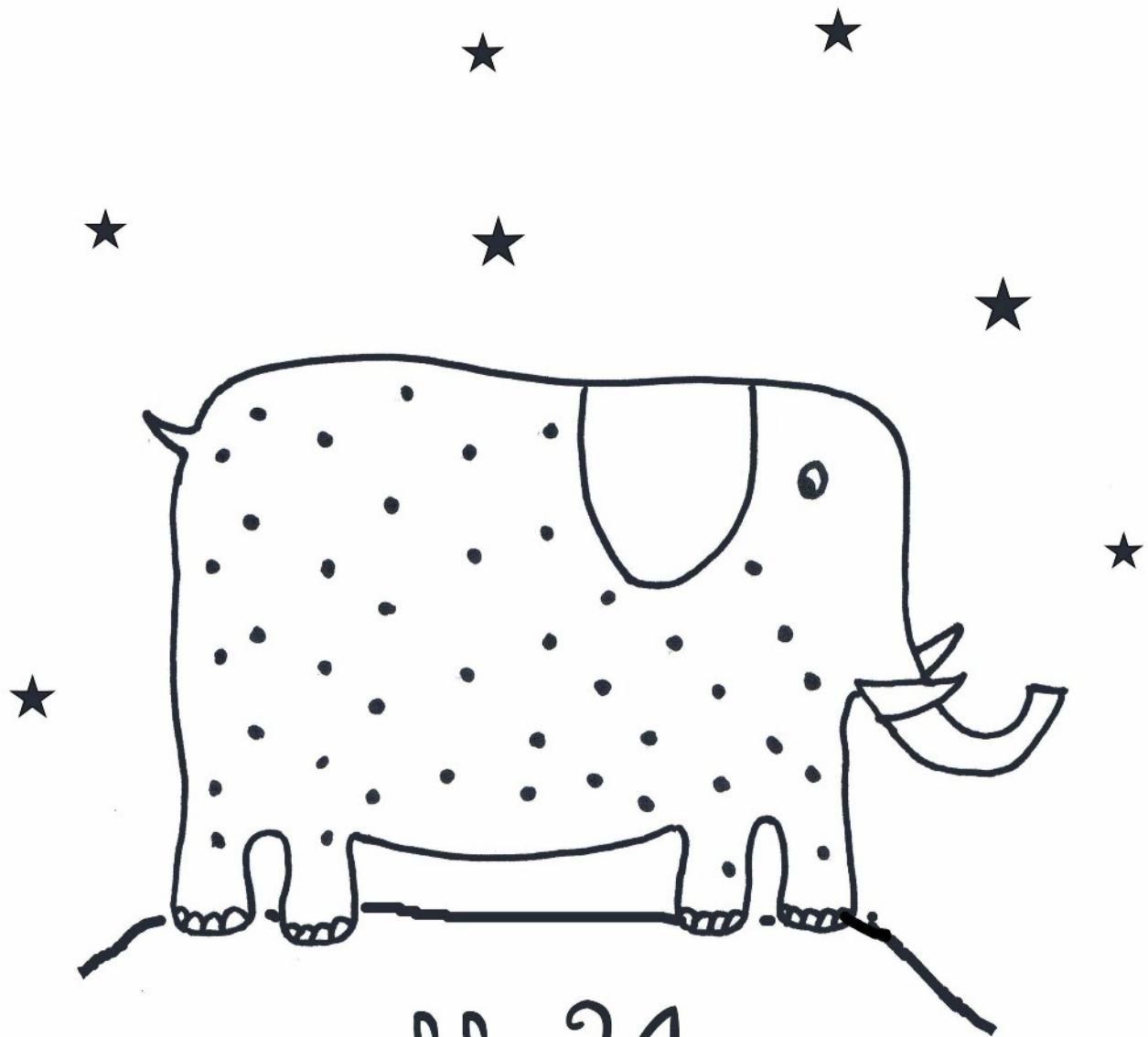
Eye is back and satin stitch dark blue

Secure hill with straight stitches at right-angles to the fabric edge

Nelly's name is back stitch red



ACTUAL SIZE



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*Helen xx*

