Alligator with Mardi Gras beads

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 3.9 in (11.4 × 9.9 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Back scutes, beads, teeth, nostril, eye, eyelid, lily
- **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Scute edges, hide edges, head edges, teeth edges, lily edges
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Tail, hide, throat, lower jaw, head, water, lily pads
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Throat ribs, throat line, smile, head edges, ripples, pad edges
- **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
  Scales
- **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
  Bead lights, teeth, eye light, snout folds
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Lily heart

Floss

- **DMC 552 Medium Violet**
  Beads and back scutes (dark), lily (darker), eyelid
- **DMC 934 Black Avocado Green**
  Scute edges, head edges, hide edges and pad edges, hide (darkest) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Beads and back scutes (light), eye (middle), throat line and lily heart
- **DMC 909 Very Dark Emerald Green**
  Beads and back scutes (middle)
- **DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Head, tail and hide (light), throat ribs
- **DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Hide and tail (dark), head (darkest), snout folds
- **DMC 469 Avocado Green**
  Hide and tail (middle), head (dark), lily pads (darker), teeth edges
- **DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Lily pads (lighter), hide, head and tail (lightest), scales, throat (dark)
- **DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Throat (middle), lower jaw (darker)
- **DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green**
  Throat (light), lower jaw (lighter)
- **DMC 554 Light Violet** Lily (lighter), bead lights (dark)
- **DMC BLANC White**
  Teeth and eye light, eye and bead lights (light)
- **DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise**
  Water (light), ripples (lighter), bead lights (middle)
- **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Water (middle), ripples (darker)
- **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise** Water (dark)
- **DMC 550 Very Dark Violet** Lily edges

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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1 in
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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