Alligator with open mouth and bird

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 3.6 in (11.7 × 9.1 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Reed stems, back plate edges, mouth edge, tongue edge, outline, tip seams, eye edge, ripple lines, lily pad edges, lily edges, bird edges
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Cattails, back plates, mouth lining, throat, tongue, teeth, snout tip, chin tip, hide bands, foreleg, shoulder rosette, shoulder petals, and 13 more
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Reed stems, bird bill edges, bird legs
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Reed leaves
- **Back stitch**, 1 strand
  Teeth edges
- **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Herringbone bands
- **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
  Feather stitch bands
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Band knots, shoulder knots, eye light, lily center, bird eye
- **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
  Chain lines, foreleg chain, shoulder chain, brow chain
- **Blanket stitch**, 2 strands
  Belly scales

Floss

- **DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Outline, brow, reed stems and belly scales, reed leaves (dark) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Bird body, cattails and bird tail
- **DMC 469 Avocado Green**
  Hide bands (darkest), foreleg, reed leaves (middle)
- **DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Hide bands and reed leaves (light), lily pads and eye lid
- **DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Chain lines, snout tip, bird wing and chin tip, back plates (lighter) and 5 more parts
- **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Hide bands (dark), ripples (lighter), back plates (darker), ripple lines
- **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Herringbone bands and shoulder rosette, ripples (darker), back plate edges (lighter)
- **DMC 352 Light Coral**
  Mouth lining and tongue, lily petals (middle), shoulder petals (darker)
- **DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Throat, lily edges, mouth edge and tongue edge, lily petals (dark)
- **DMC 712 Cream**
  Teeth, eye, shoulder knots and eye light, lily petals (light)
- **DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Teeth edges, bird edges, pupil, bird legs and eye edge and 3 more parts
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Hide bands (lightest), feather stitch bands and band knots and 2 more parts

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.

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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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