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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1 in
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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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