Arctic Circle animal border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Polar bear far legs, polar bear, bear pattern, caribou far legs, caribou, caribou near legs, arctic hare far legs, arctic hare, and 9 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bear pattern, eyes, noses, antlers, caribou hooves, caribou pattern, caribou mane, caribou muzzle, caribou ears, arctic hare ears, and 16 more
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Sprig leaves
4. **Back stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
   Outlines
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Bear pattern
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Outlines, mouth, caribou pattern, fox pattern, berry sprigs
7. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eye lights, caribou mane, hare pattern, whiskers, fox pattern, snowflakes
8. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Musk ox horn, outlines
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Bear pattern, caribou pattern, hare pattern, musk ox pattern, aurora dots, berries, sky dots, snowflakes

Floss

- **1 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Bear pattern (darkest), arctic fox far legs and caribou far legs and 4 more parts
- **2 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Outlines (lighter), sky dots and whiskers, snowflakes (dark)
- **3 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Polar bear, arctic hare, snow ring and arctic fox, snowflakes (light) and 12 more parts
- **4 DMC 959 Medium Seagreen**
  Berry sprigs, sprig leaves (lighter), aurora (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **5 DMC 351 Coral**
  Berries, fox pattern and musk ox pattern (middle) and 3 more parts
- **6 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Caribou pattern, aurora and fox pattern (dark), sprig leaves (darker) and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Bear pattern (middle light), arctic hare ears (middle) and 3 more parts
- **8 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Arctic hare ear tips, caribou hooves and noses, eyes (darker) and 2 more parts
- **9 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Star, antlers and musk ox horn (darker)
- **10 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Star and antlers (lighter), caribou pattern and snowflakes (middle) and 2 more parts
- **11 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Caribou and eyes (lighter), musk ox saddle and musk ox muzzle
- **12 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Musk ox locks and musk ox (lighter), caribou (darker), caribou ears and musk ox horn tip
- **13 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet** Hare pattern and aurora (darkest)
- **14 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Aurora (light), hare pattern (dark)
- **15 DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown**
  Musk ox, musk ox locks and mouth (darker), musk ox head
- **16 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Musk ox horn (lighter)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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6	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	**12**	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 strands: caribou pattern, fox pattern, berry sprigs; 1 or 2 strands: outlines; 1 strand: mouth.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: caribou mane, hare pattern, fox pattern; 1 or 2 strands: snowflakes; 1 strand: eye lights, whiskers.
Split stitch. 2 strands: outlines; 1 strand: musk ox horn.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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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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