Arctic fox with a northern lights tail

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black 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
   Tail lights, tail, snow, far legs, body, near legs, ruff, ears, head, star
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye, nose
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tail strands, mouth
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Toes, eye light, nose, star rays
5. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye

Floss

- **1 DMC 912 Light Emerald Green**
  Tail lights (shade 4 of 7), tail strands (middle light)
- **2 DMC 31 Blueberry**
  Tail lights (shade 1 of 7), tail strands (darkest)
- **3 DMC 30 Medium Light Blueberry**
  Tail lights (shade 2 of 7), tail strands (dark)
- **4 DMC 209 Dark Lavender**
  Tail strands (middle dark), tail lights (shade 3 of 7)
- **5 DMC 964 Light Seagreen**
  Tail lights (shade 6 of 7), tail strands (lightest), snow (dark)
- **6 DMC 959 Medium Seagreen**
  Tail lights (shade 5 of 7), tail strands (light)
- **7 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Snow, tail, near legs, body, head and ruff (light) and 3 more parts
- **8 DMC B5200 Snow White**
  Body, tail, snow, near legs, head, ears and ruff (lightest), star (light), eye light
- **9 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Far legs (light), body and ears (middle dark), ruff (dark) and 4 more parts
- **10 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Head, near legs and tail (dark), ruff (middle), far legs (lightest) and 5 more parts
- **11 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Snow (darkest)
- **12 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Body, far legs and ears (darkest), eye and nose (darker)
- **13 DMC 317 Pewter Gray**
  Body, far legs and ears (dark), ruff (darkest), mouth
- **14 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Eye (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

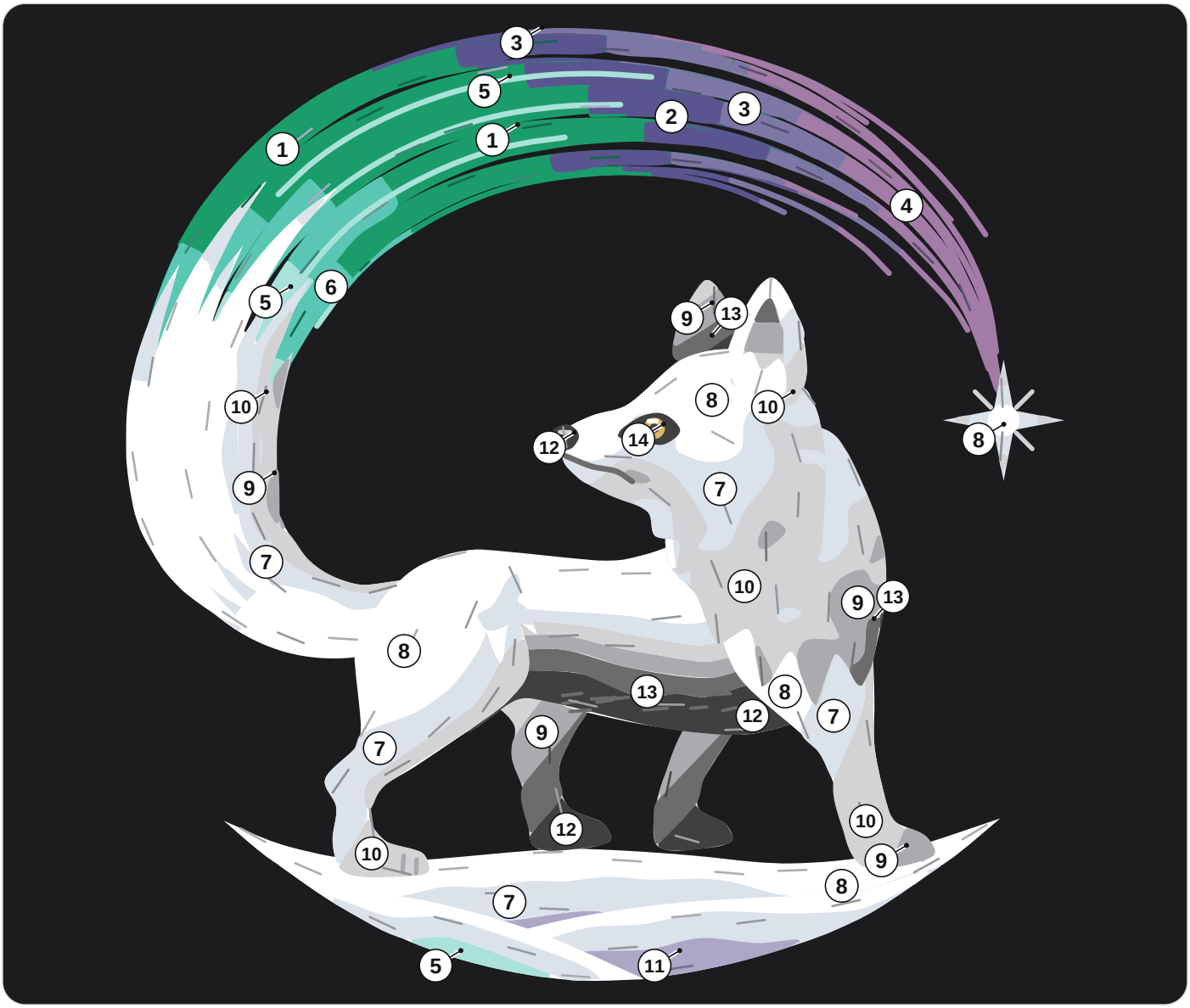
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 1 or 2 strands: tail strands; 1 strand: mouth.

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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

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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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