Axolotl with a daisy crown

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.2 in (10.9 × 10.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

16 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 760; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, body, face, arms



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, crown leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail fin, daisy petals, bud cups, daisy buds, gills, gill stalks, eyes, daisy centers, fingers



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Outline (color 2), smile

6. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: gill feathers
   2 strands: nose



7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, outline (color 2)

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Freckles, eye highlights, knots of the daisy centers



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 760 Salmon	7	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	13	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
2	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	8	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	14	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 761 Light Salmon	9	DMC 3865 Winter White	15	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
4	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon	10	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	16	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	11	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink		
6	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	12	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon		

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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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