Baby’s first Halloween pumpkin in a cap

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.4 in (11.9 × 11.2 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 raised parts.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Moon, pumpkin, cap
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyes, cheeks, smile, cap band, stars
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf
4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon edge, pumpkin ribs
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lashes
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tendril, leaf
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Star thread

Floss

- 1 **DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow** Moon (middle)
- 2 **DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Moon (dark), stars and star thread
- 3 **DMC 712 Cream**
  Moon (light), cap band and pompom (lighter), cap (shade 7 of 7)
- 4 **DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Moon edge
- 5 **DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold** Pumpkin (light)
- 6 **DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Pumpkin (darkest), pumpkin ribs
- 7 **DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice** Pumpkin (dark)
- 8 **DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice**
  Pumpkin (middle)
- 9 **DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold**
  Pumpkin (lightest)
- 10 **DMC 3371 Black Brown** Eyes, lashes and smile
- 11 **DMC 351 Coral** Cheeks
- 12 **DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue** Cap (shade 6 of 7)
- 13 **DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Cap (shade 1 of 7)
- 14 **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Cap (shade 2 of 7)
- 15 **DMC 598 Light Turquoise** Cap (shade 3 of 7)
- 16 **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Cap (shade 5 of 7), pompom (darker)
- 17 **DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige**
  Cap band (darker), cap (shade 4 of 7)
- 18 **DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Leaf (lighter), tendril
- 19 **DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Leaf (darker)

Stitches, continued

8. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Pompom

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.

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. 2 strands: tendril; 1 strand: leaf.

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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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