Badger portrait with autumn blackberries

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.5 in (12.2 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Shoulders, ears, ear tips, face, stripes, inner ears, eyelids, blossom
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Nose, eye, berries, dew
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Shoulders, nostrils, eye light, thorns, calyxes, stamens, dew
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Mouth, eye, canes, leaf stalks, leaves, berry stalks
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Whiskers
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Berries, blossom heart

Floss

- **1 DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray** Shoulders (middle dark)
- **2 DMC 310 Black**
  Stripes, berries and shoulders (darkest), ears (dark) and 5 more parts
- **3 DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray** Shoulders (dark)
- **4 DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray**
  Shoulders (middle light), face (darkest), stripes (lightest), whiskers and 1 more part
- **5 DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray**
  Shoulders (light), face and blossom (dark)
- **6 DMC 822 Light Beige Gray**
  Face and blossom (middle), shoulders (lightest), ear tips (dark)
- **7 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Stripes (dark), ears and nose (middle), inner ears (lighter)
- **8 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray**
  Stripes, ears and nose (light), eyelids (darker)
- **9 DMC 712 Cream** Face (lightest), ear tips (light)
- **10 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Face and blossom (light), ear tips (middle), eye light, dew (lighter)
- **11 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Blossom heart, eye (lighter)
- **12 DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood**
  Canes, thorns, leaf stalks and berry stalks
- **13 DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green** Leaves (lightest), stamens
- **14 DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray** Leaves (dark), calyxes
- **15 DMC 921 Copper** Leaves (light)
- **16 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta** Leaves (darkest)
- **17 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape** Berries (dark)
- **18 DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet** Berries (light)
- **19 DMC 3803 Dark Mauve** Berries (lightest)
- **20 DMC 928 Very Light Gray Green** Dew (darker)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 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 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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

Straight stitch. 3 strands: nostrils, eye light, calyxes, dew; 1 strand: shoulders, thorns, stamens.
Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: canes; 2 strands: mouth, eye, leaf stalks, berry stalks; 1 strand: leaves.
French knot. 2 strands: berries; 1 strand: blossom heart.

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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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