Bare winter tree with dog and squirrel

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: blush pink 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
   Sun, far hills, snow, tree, snow on the limbs, squirrel tail, squirrel, squirrel belly, dog legs, dog tail, dog chest, dog saddle, and 7 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Knothole, acorn, squirrel feet, squirrel ears, squirrel belly, squirrel eye, squirrel nose, dog nose, eye rim, dog eye, scarf
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 1 strand
   Grass heads
4. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Far firs
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Far firs, twigs, knothole, dry grass
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Far firs, acorn, eye light, scarf fringe, scarf stripes
7. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bark lines, squirrel lines, dog lines, toes, dog mouth, dog ear
8. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Round edge
9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Whisker spots

Floss

- 1 **DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow** Sun (lighter)
- 2 **DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany** Sun (darker)
- 3 **DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet** Far hills (lighter)
- 4 **DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet** Far hills (darker)
- 5 **DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Far firs and toes, dog lines (lighter), snow (darkest)
- 6 **DMC B5200 Snow White**
  Snow and dog legs (lightest), dog chest (lighter), snow on the limbs and 6 more parts
- 7 **DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Snow and dog legs (dark), whisker spots, eye light (darker)
- 8 **DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Snow and dog legs (light), dog chest, dog muzzle, squirrel belly and dog feet (darker)
- 9 **DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown** Tree (dark), twigs
- 10 **DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Tree (light), dry grass, knothole (lighter)
- 11 **DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Tree (darkest), bark lines and knothole (darker), dog ear (dark)
- 12 **DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown** Tree (lightest), bark lines (lighter)
- 13 **DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Dog ear (light), dog head, dog haunch and dog shoulder (dark), grass heads (darker)
- 14 **DMC 436 Tan**
  Dog shoulder, dog head and dog haunch (light), acorn (lighter) and 2 more parts
- 15 **DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Dog ear (middle), acorn (darker), dog haunch and dog head (darkest) and 2 more parts
- 16 **DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Squirrel tail and squirrel (dark), squirrel feet, squirrel ears (lighter)
- 17 **DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Squirrel tail and squirrel (darkest), squirrel lines, squirrel ears (darker)
- 18 **DMC 922 Light Copper** Squirrel and squirrel tail (light)
- 19 **DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Dog head, dog haunch, squirrel tail and squirrel (lightest) and 3 more parts
- 20 **DMC 310 Black**
  Dog saddle (darker), dog tail (dark), dog nose, dog eye, squirrel eye and squirrel nose
- 21 **DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Dog saddle (lighter), dog tail (middle), dog mouth
- 22 **DMC 598 Light Turquoise** Scarf (light)
- 23 **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise** Round edge, scarf (dark)
- 24 **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Scarf (middle), scarf fringe

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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8	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	**16**	DMC 920 Medium Copper	**24**	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise

How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 or 3 strands: twigs; 2 strands: knothole; 1 or 2 strands: dry grass; 1 strand: far firs.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: acorn, scarf fringe, scarf stripes; 1 or 2 strands: eye light; 1 strand: far firs.
Split stitch. 2 strands: dog mouth; 1 or 2 strands: dog lines; 1 strand: bark lines, squirrel lines, toes, dog ear.

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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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