Small and easy Bayeux Tapestry horse

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta**
  Border bars (dark), comet tail, saddle and ears (darker), face (middle)
- **2 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Far legs, saddle cloth (darker), border bars (middle), comet tail (lighter), hill (dark)
- **3 DMC 729 Medium Old Gold**
  Tail and mane (darker), border bars and hill (light), hooves and 6 more parts
- **4 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Plant (darker), hill (middle)
- **5 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Outline, border and eye, face (dark)
- **6 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Tail, mane, harness and bridle (lighter), comet heart, face (light)
- **7 DMC 3830 Terra Cotta**
  Body and near legs, ears (lighter)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Border bars, comet tail, comet, comet heart, plant, hooves, tail, ears, mane, saddle, eye
2. **Chain stitch**, 6 strands
   Hill
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Hill, border, outline, plant, far legs, body, near legs, harness, saddle cloth, face, bridle
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Face
5. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Plant, harness, bridle, face

What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3, size 3 for 4 to 6 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: 2 of DMC 3830; one of each other color. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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 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

Satin stitch. 3 strands: border bars, comet tail, tail, mane; 2 strands: comet, comet heart, plant, hooves, ears, saddle, eye.
Stem stitch. 6 strands: hill; 4 strands: plant, far legs, body, near legs, harness; 3 or 4 strands: saddle cloth; 3 strands: border, bridle; 2 or 3 strands: face; 1 or 2 strands: outline.
French knot. 2 strands: plant, harness, bridle; 1 strand: face.

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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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