Beaver head portrait

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 4.3 in (10.2 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ripples, mouth, teeth, nose, nostrils, eye rims, eyes, lily pad, sepals
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Shoulders, ears, inner ears, face, chin, muzzle, lily bud
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Mouth, nose, eye rims, whiskers, lily pad
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Nose lights
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eyes, lily stem
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Eye lights

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Ripples (light)
- **2 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Ripples (middle), nose lights
- **3 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Shoulders and ears (middle dark), face and muzzle (shade 3 of 7), chin (light)
- **4 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Shoulders (dark), mouth, inner ears (lighter), eye rims (middle) and 4 more parts
- **5 DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown**
  Shoulders (darkest), face (shade 1 of 7), chin (dark) and 4 more parts
- **6 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Face and muzzle (shade 4 of 7), shoulders and ears (middle light) and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Face and muzzle (shade 5 of 7), shoulders and ears (light)
- **8 DMC 436 Tan**
  Face and muzzle (shade 6 of 7), shoulders and ears (lightest), eye rims (light)
- **9 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Whiskers, face and muzzle (shade 7 of 7)
- **10 DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown**
  Lily bud (dark), teeth (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Nose (lighter)
- **12 DMC 310 Black** Eyes and nose (darker), nostrils
- **13 DMC 3865 Winter White** Eye lights
- **14 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue** Ripples (dark)
- **15 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Lily pad, sepals and lily stem (darker)
- **16 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Lily pad, sepals and lily stem (lighter)
- **17 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz** Lily bud (middle)
- **18 DMC 727 Very Light Topaz** Lily bud (light)

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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How to read it

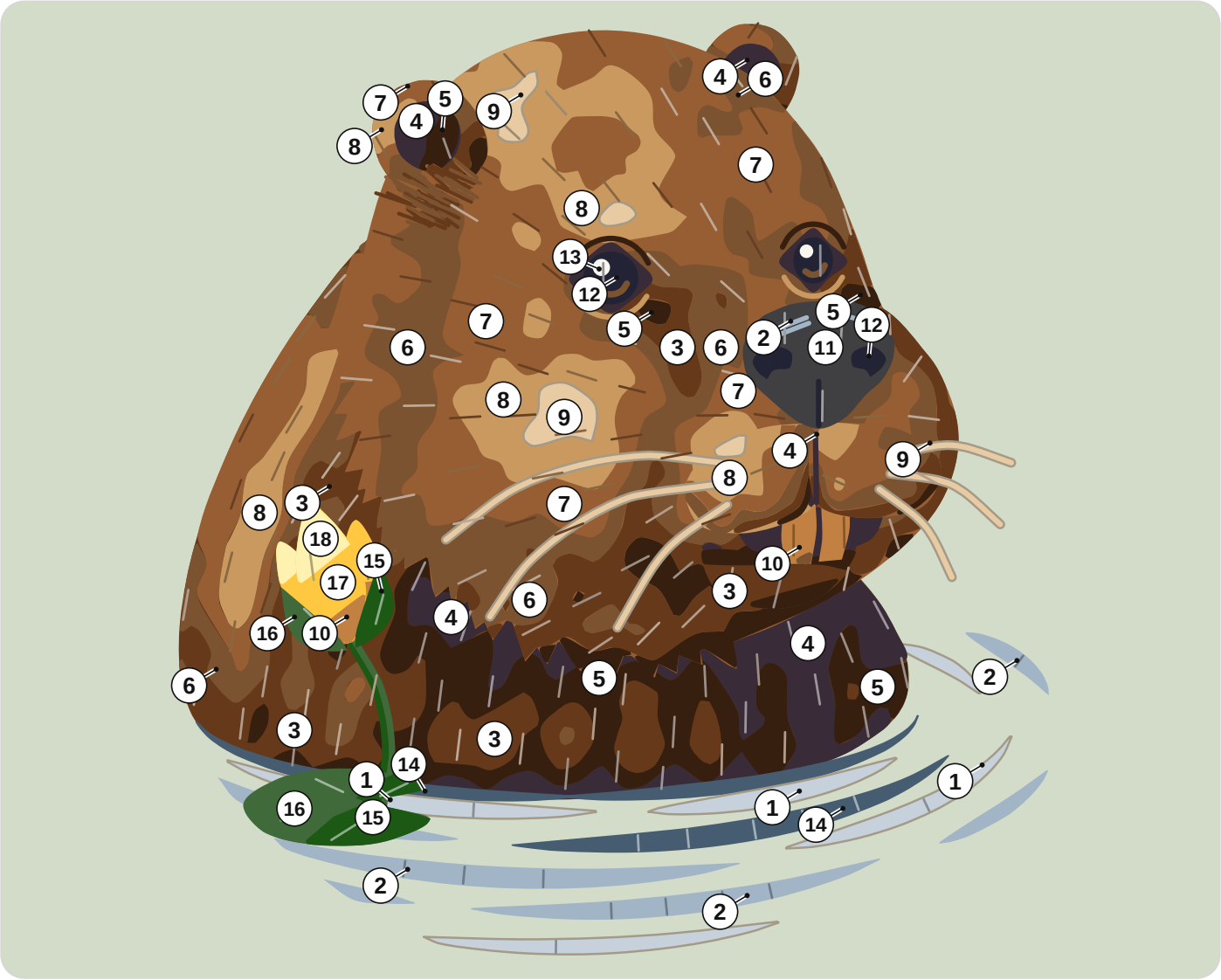
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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

Split stitch. 2 strands: mouth, nose, eye rims; 1 strand: whiskers, lily pad.
Stem stitch. 2 or 4 strands: lily stem; 2 strands: eyes.

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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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