Beaver swimming with a branch at dusk

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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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
   Sky, far hills, river, lodge, back, head, cheek, near bank
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon, spruces, bank, reflections, wake, beaver reflection, tail, ear, nose, eye ring, eye, branch, cattail leaves
3. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail scales
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Poplar leaves
5. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cattails
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Lodge sticks, nose light, brow, whiskers, grass
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail edge
8. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Branch, poplar leaves, cattail stems, ring

Floss

- **1 DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold** Sky (light)
- **2 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  Sky (darkest), beaver reflection
- **3 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  River (middle), sky and wake (dark), far hills (darker)
- **4 DMC 778 Very Light Antique Mauve**
  River (lightest), sky and wake (middle)
- **5 DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany**
  Sky (lightest), wake (light)
- **6 DMC 3865 Winter White** Moon, whiskers and eye light
- **7 DMC 926 Medium Gray Green**
  Far hills (lighter), river (light), nose light
- **8 DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green**
  River (darkest), spruces (lighter), ring, reflections (darker)
- **9 DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green** River (dark), reflections (lighter)
- **10 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green** Bank, spruces (darker)
- **11 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Branch, back, head and cattails (dark), lodge (middle), tail edge and brow
- **12 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Back and head (darkest), tail, nose and eye, lodge (dark), ear (darker)
- **13 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Tail scales, head and back (middle), lodge (light), ear (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **14 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Cheek (middle), head, cattails and back (light), lodge sticks
- **15 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Head and back (lightest), cheek and branch (light), eye ring
- **16 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Poplar leaves and cattail leaves (dark), near bank (darker), branch (middle)
- **17 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Poplar leaves and cattail leaves (middle), cattail stems and grass, near bank (lighter)
- **18 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Poplar leaves and cattail leaves (light)

Stitches, continued

9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye 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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6 inch hoop

How to read it

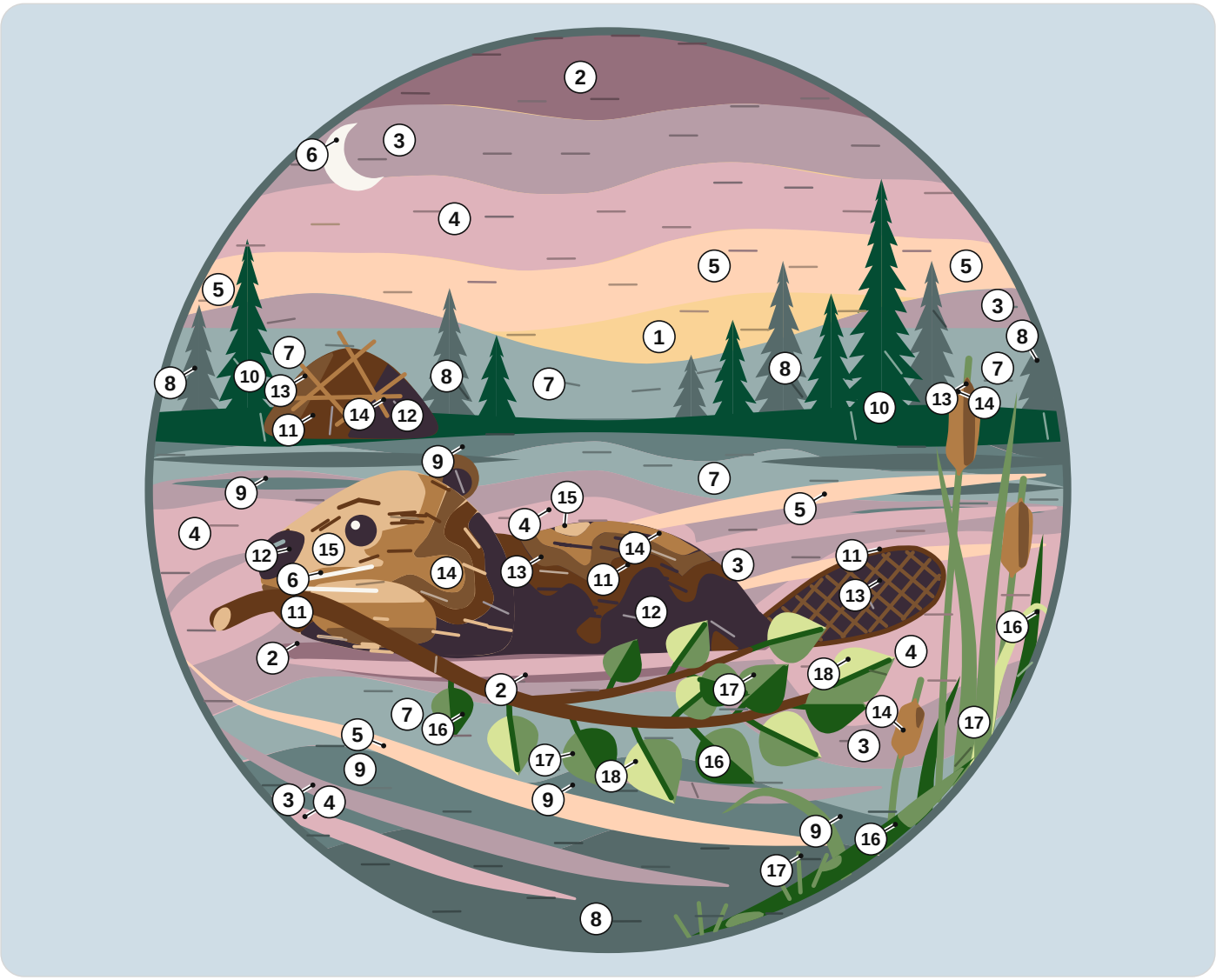
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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. 2 strands: brow, grass; 1 strand: lodge sticks, nose light, whiskers.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: ring; 3 strands: cattail stems; 2 strands: branch; 1 strand: poplar leaves.

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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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