Black Angus bull with thistles

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.3 in (11.9 × 10.9 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
   Neck and shoulders, brisket, ears, inner ears, ear hair, head, muzzle, nose, poll, leaves, thistle plumes, thistle cups
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Nostrils, nose ring, eye rims, irises, pupils, thistle stalks
3. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Thistle cups
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Nostril rims, mouth, eyelids, leaf veins, thistle cups
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Thistle plumes, thistle cups
6. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye lights

Floss

- **1 DMC 310 Black**
  Neck and shoulders, ears, poll and head (darkest), brisket (dark) and 7 more parts
- **2 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Head, neck and shoulders, muzzle, nose, poll and ears (dark), brisket (middle)
- **3 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Brisket, neck and shoulders and muzzle (light), head, poll and ears (middle)
- **4 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Head, poll and ears (light), muzzle and neck and shoulders (lightest), eyelids (darker)
- **5 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Head, poll and ears (lightest), eyelids (lighter)
- **6 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet** Inner ears (lighter)
- **7 DMC 317 Pewter Gray**
  Ear hair and nostril rims, nose (light)
- **8 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray** Nose (middle)
- **9 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray** Nose (lightest)
- **10 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz** Nose ring (dark)
- **11 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Nose ring (middle)
- **12 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Nose ring (light)
- **13 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown** Irises
- **14 DMC 3865 Winter White** Eye lights
- **15 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Leaves (middle), thistle cups (dark), thistle stalks
- **16 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Thistle cups (darkest), leaves (dark)
- **17 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Leaves (light), thistle cups (lightest)
- **18 DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green**
  Leaf veins, thistle cups (light)
- **19 DMC 552 Medium Violet** Thistle plumes (dark)
- **20 DMC 550 Very Dark Violet** Thistle plumes (darkest)
- **21 DMC 553 Violet** Thistle plumes (light)
- **22 DMC 209 Dark Lavender** Thistle plumes (lightest)

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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7	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	15	DMC 522 Fern Green		
8	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	16	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: mouth; 2 strands: eyelids, leaf veins, thistle cups; 1 strand: nostril rims.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: thistle cups; 1 or 2 strands: thistle plumes.

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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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