Black bear cubs on a birch, bookmark

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.3 × 4.7 in (5.8 × 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. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Branches, bark marks, claws, inner ears, brows, eye patches, eyes, noses, ferns, mushroom stalks, mushroom caps
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Birch trunk, bodies, hind legs, arms, ears, heads, muzzles, tails, ground
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Berry stalks, fern stems, leaf stalks
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Trunk edge, fur edges, smiles
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Border
8. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Inner border
9. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye lights, berries

Floss

- **1 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Bodies, hind legs, arms and heads (light), branches and bark marks and 4 more parts
- **2 DMC 3865 Winter White** Birch trunk (lightest), eye lights
- **3 DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray**
  Trunk edge, birch trunk (darkest)
- **4 DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray** Birch trunk (dark)
- **5 DMC 822 Light Beige Gray** Birch trunk (light), mushroom stalks
- **6 DMC 310 Black**
  Bodies, heads, hind legs and arms (dark), eyes, noses and smiles
- **7 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Arms, hind legs, bodies and heads (middle), tails (darker)
- **8 DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown**
  Ears (lighter), fur edges and eye patches
- **9 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Muzzles (light), claws
- **10 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Inner ears and brows, muzzles (dark)
- **11 DMC 436 Tan** Muzzles (middle)
- **12 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Ground (dark), ferns (darker), fern stems
- **13 DMC 469 Avocado Green**
  Ground (middle), leaves (darkest), ferns (lighter), grass (darker)
- **14 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Ground and leaves (light), grass (lighter)
- **15 DMC 921 Copper**
  Inner border and mushroom caps, leaves (dark)
- **16 DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold** Leaves (middle light)
- **17 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Leaves (lightest)
- **18 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Leaves (middle dark)
- **19 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise** Border and berries

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

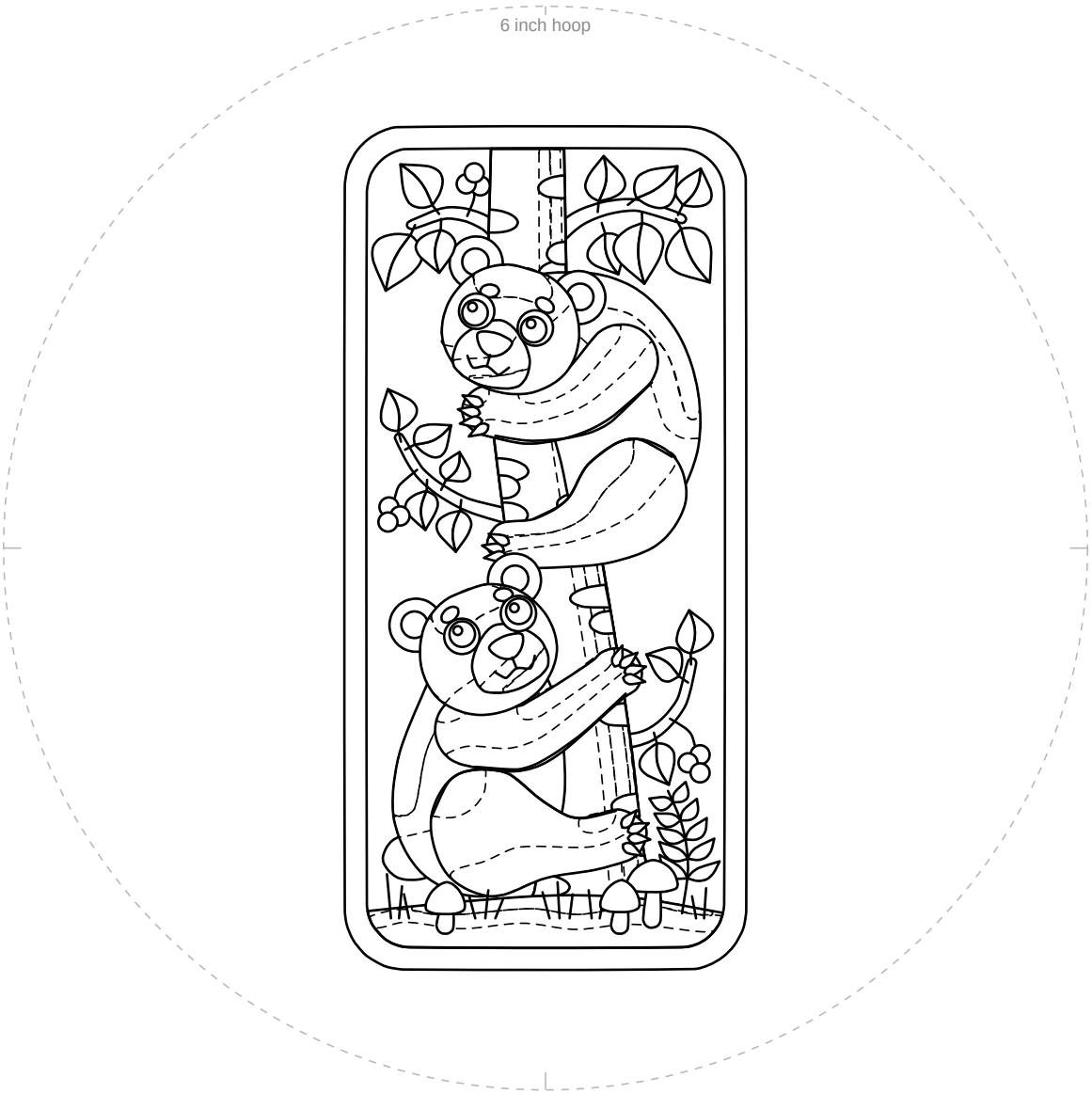
Stem stitch. 2 strands: fern stems; 1 strand: berry stalks, leaf stalks.
French knot. 2 strands: berries; 1 strand: eye lights.

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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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