Black cat asleep on piano keys

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 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.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Walnut lid, walnut front, body, tail, haunch, forepaw, ears, head
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Felt strip, white keys, key fronts, collar, inner ears, closed eyes, nose, bell
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Black keys
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Gold inlay, rim
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Key lines, whiskers, mouth

Floss

- **1 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Walnut lid (middle), walnut front (light)
- **2 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Walnut front and walnut lid (dark)
- **3 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Walnut lid (light), walnut front (lightest)
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Gold inlay and bell
- **5 DMC 321 Red** Felt strip, collar (lighter)
- **6 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  White keys (light), closed eyes
- **7 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  White keys (middle), whiskers and mouth
- **8 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  White keys (dark), key fronts
- **9 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Key lines and black key light
- **10 DMC 310 Black**
  Body, haunch, head, tail and forepaw (dark), black keys and toe lines
- **11 DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown**
  Rim and bell line, walnut front (darkest)
- **12 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Tail, body, haunch, head and forepaw (middle), ears (darker)
- **13 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Forepaw, haunch, body, head and tail (light), ears (lighter)
- **14 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Collar (darker)
- **15 DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose**
  Inner ears and nose

Stitches, continued

6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Black key light, toe lines, bell line

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

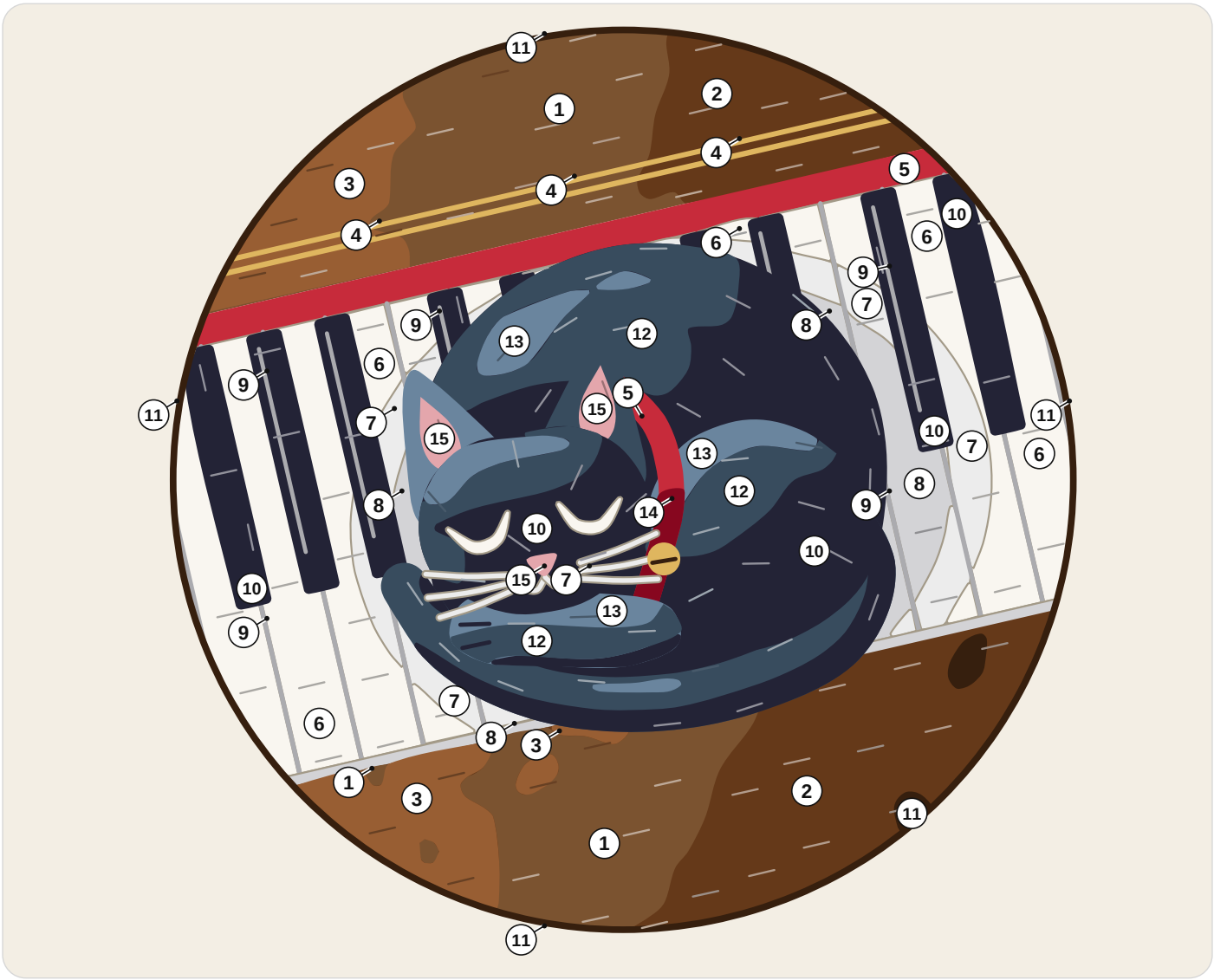
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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.

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

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: walnut lid, walnut front; 1 strand: body, tail, haunch, forepaw, ears, head.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: rim; 1 or 2 strands: gold inlay.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: toe lines; 1 strand: black key light, bell line.

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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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