Black rhino in gold grass

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.5 in (12.4 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20
   Grass behind, body, legs, shoulder, ears, inner ears, head, nostril, horns, ear fringe, oxpecker, grass base, gold grass



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 10, 11, 12, 19
   Eye, bill, oxpecker eye



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 4, 10
   3 strands: tail
   2 strands: oxpecker feet
   1 strand: grass stems

4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 13, 21
   Seed heads, eye highlight



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17
   Folds, eye folds, cheek fold, mouth, nostril, horn bases, horns, wing lines

6. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 12
   Oxpecker eye



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 831 Medium Golden Olive	8	DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray	15	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown
2	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	9	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	16	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
3	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	10	DMC 3371 Black Brown	17	DMC 436 Tan
4	DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray	11	DMC 433 Medium Brown	18	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
5	DMC 844 Ultra Dark Beaver Gray	12	DMC 310 Black	19	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
6	DMC 645 Very Dark Beaver Gray	13	DMC 3865 Winter White	20	DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive
7	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	14	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	21	DMC 3822 Light Straw

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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