Bookshelf with a sleeping cat

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.6 × 4.5 in (9.1 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: charcoal cotton or linen.

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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

Buy: 23 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of charcoal cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Pothos stems
2. **Trellis stitch**, 3 strands
   Trellis spines
3. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Woven spines
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bookcase (colors 1 and 2), book spines (colors 6 and 9), plant pot, cat, cat stripes, cat paws, cat tail, cat ears, inner ears, cat head, cat muzzle
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bookcase (colors 1 and 2), bookcase feet, keystone, book spines, raised bands, pot rim, satin bar spines, ball of wool, cat nose, pothos leaves
6. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: shelf edges, shelf shadow, book edges (colors 4, 8 and 14), lines of the ball of wool, wool end, closed eyes
   1 strand: leaf veins
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Carved molding, book edges (colors 4 and 9), chain spines
8. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Herringbone spines
9. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Pot pattern
10. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
    Fly stitch spines
11. **Blanket stitch**, 2 strands
    Blanket spines
12. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
    Feather spines
13. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
    Mouth
14. **Straight stitch**
    1 strand: cat toes, whiskers
    3 strands: lines of the cat stripes
15. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 1 strand
    Spine flowers
16. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knot spines
    1 strand: knots of the trellis spines

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 840 Medium Beige Brown	9	DMC 3836 Light Grape	17	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
2	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	10	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	18	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
3	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown	11	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	19	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	12	DMC 919 Red Copper	20	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown
5	DMC 712 Cream	13	DMC 921 Copper	21	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta
6	DMC 3822 Light Straw	14	DMC 922 Light Copper	22	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
7	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	15	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	23	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
8	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	16	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise		

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; 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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