Cat card in crossed threads

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue**
  Border (darker), haunches (dark)
- **2 DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise**
  Head, ears and tail (darker), haunches (middle), border (lighter)
- **3 DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue**
  Chest, front legs, paws and whiskers, head, tail and ears (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Yarn ball, bow, inner ears, yarn and nose
- **5 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Eyes (lighter)

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bow



2. **Straight stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Border, tail, haunches, chest, front legs, paws, head, ears, inner ears, eyes, nose, yarn ball, bow



3. **Back stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Border, tail, haunches, chest, front legs, paws, head, ears, eyes, mouth, whiskers, yarn ball, yarn, bow

What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in navy. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: 2 of DMC 3765 and 2 of DMC 3846; one of each other color. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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 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

Straight stitch. 2 strands: nose; 1 strand: border, tail, haunches, chest, front legs, paws, head, ears, inner ears, eyes, yarn ball, bow.
Back stitch. 2 strands: border, tail, haunches, chest, front legs, paws, head, ears, eyes, mouth, yarn ball, yarn, bow; 1 strand: whiskers.

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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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6 inch hoop

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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