Cat in a Christmas tree

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 5 in (11.2 × 12.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Trunk, tail, stripes, boughs, lights, small baubles, bauble, bib, and 8 more
2. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Basket
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Basket ribbon, star, light caps, bauble cap, bauble lights, nose, and 3 more
4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Basket edge, light wire
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Needles, light shine, bauble lights, ear tufts, eye lights
6. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Twigs, bauble cord
7. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Star edge, toe lines, mouth, nose, eye rims
8. **Outline stitch**, 1 strand
   Whiskers
9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Whisker spots

Floss

- **1 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Foreleg and face (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **2 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Stripes (darker), trunk and nose (dark), mouth
- **3 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Basket, basket edge and whisker spots, trunk (light)
- **4 DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Basket ribbon, bauble and small baubles (light)
- **5 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Bauble, small baubles and basket ribbon (dark)
- **6 DMC 321 Red** Bauble, basket ribbon and small baubles (middle)
- **7 DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany**
  Eye surrounds (middle), tail (lightest) and 3 more parts
- **8 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany**
  Bib (darkest), face and ear linings (dark) and 4 more parts
- **9 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany**
  Face and foreleg (middle), ears (dark) and 5 more parts
- **10 DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany**
  Face, ears, foreleg and tail (light), eye surrounds (dark)
- **11 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Boughs and twigs, needles (darkest), eyes (dark)
- **12 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Needles (dark)
- **13 DMC 502 Blue Green** Needles (light)
- **14 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green** Needles (lightest)
- **15 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Lights and bauble cap (middle), star (darker), bauble cord
- **16 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Lights and bauble cap (light), star (lighter)
- **17 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Eye rims, light wire, pupils and light caps
- **18 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Paw (darker), muzzle (middle), bib (light) and 4 more parts
- **19 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Bib (middle), muzzle (dark)
- **20 DMC 712 Cream** Paw (lighter), muzzle (light) and 3 more parts
- **21 DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta** Ear linings and nose (middle)
- **22 DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta** Ear linings and nose (light)
- **23 DMC 907 Light Parrot Green** Eyes (light)
- **24 DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green** Eyes (middle)

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

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: boughs; 1 strand: trunk, tail, stripes, lights, small baubles, bauble, bib, foreleg, paw, ears, ear linings, face, muzzle, eye surrounds, eyes.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: needles, bauble lights, eye lights; 1 strand: light shine, ear tufts.
Back stitch. 1 or 2 strands: bauble cord; 1 strand: twigs.
Split stitch. 2 strands: toe lines, eye rims; 1 or 2 strands: mouth; 1 strand: star edge, nose.

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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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