Cat skull

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.4 in (11.9 × 11.2 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Catnip stems

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, small teeth, cheek teeth, small openings



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Temples, canine teeth, lower jaw, eye sockets, skull, cheekbones



4. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the small teeth



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Seams

7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Catnip flowers



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

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: 16 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 indigo cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 522 Fern Green	7	DMC 210 Medium Lavender	13	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet
2	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	8	DMC 209 Dark Lavender	14	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
3	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	9	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet	15	DMC 712 Cream
4	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	10	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	16	DMC 3865 Winter White
5	DMC 3837 Ultra Dark Lavender	11	DMC 452 Medium Shell Gray		
6	DMC 211 Light Lavender	12	DMC 453 Light Shell Gray		

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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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