Cat with a curled mustache

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.3 in (9.7 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

13 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
   Shoulders, bib, inner ears, black of face, white of face, ear tufts, eyes, upper lids, chin, muzzle, mustache, nose



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 6
   Eye rims, pupils, eye highlights



Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 7
   Mouth

4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, color 2
   Nostrils



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 6
   Whiskers

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

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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 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	6	DMC 3865 Winter White	11	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 310 Black	7	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	12	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	8	DMC 712 Cream	13	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	9	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink		
5	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	10	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta		

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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



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