Cats in a tree, sitting on the branches

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.6 in (12.2 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mound leaves, mound, leaves, branches, bird, bird wing, bird bill, gray cat, gray cat stripes, paws, inner ears, muzzles, noses, and 7 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Trunk and branches, gray cat, ginger cat, charcoal cat
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Mound leaves, leaf stalks, trunk and branches, gray cat lines, ginger cat lines, charcoal cat lines
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Bird legs, whiskers, eye lights
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Gray cat, ginger cat, charcoal cat lines, charcoal cat
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouths
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Bird eye

Floss

- **1 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Trunk and branches (darker), branches and leaf stalks, mound leaves (darkest)
- **2 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Leaves and mound leaves (dark), bird wing
- **3 DMC 832 Golden Olive**
  Mound and bird bill, leaves (middle), mound leaves (light)
- **4 DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Leaves (light), mound leaves (lightest)
- **5 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Trunk and branches (lighter)
- **6 DMC 351 Coral** Bird, inner ears and noses
- **7 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Charcoal cat, gray cat stripes, pupils, mouths, closed eyes, bird legs and bird eye
- **8 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Gray cat and charcoal cat lines
- **9 DMC 712 Cream**
  Paws, muzzles, bibs, whiskers and eye lights
- **10 DMC 317 Pewter Gray** Gray cat lines
- **11 DMC 907 Light Parrot Green** Green eyes
- **12 DMC 921 Copper** Ginger cat
- **13 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Ginger cat stripes and ginger cat lines

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 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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3	DMC 832 Golden Olive	**8**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	**13**	DMC 919 Red Copper
4	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	**9**	DMC 712 Cream		
5	DMC 434 Light Brown	**10**	DMC 317 Pewter Gray		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: mound leaves; 2 strands: leaf stalks, trunk and branches; 1 or 2 strands: gray cat lines, ginger cat lines; 1 strand: charcoal cat lines.

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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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