# Cattle brand marks sampler

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



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

## Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Brand marks, star, sun, wings, heart, arrow feathers, rope, silver studs, inner ears, nostrils, eyes
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Turquoise
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Horns, ears, head, blaze, muzzle
4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Pale cores
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Pale cores
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pale cores, eyelids, mouth
7. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Pale cores
8. **Whipped back stitch**, 2 strands
   Pale cores
9. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Nail heads, turquoise, eye lights
10. **Bullion knot**, 3 strands
    Forelock

## Floss

- **1 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Brand marks (light), wings (lighter)
- **2 DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange**
  Brand marks (middle), wings (darker)
- **3 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Rope and pale cores (lighter), star, heart, sun and nail heads
- **4 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Brand marks, head and ears (dark), arrow feathers, forelock (darker)
- **5 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Rope and pale cores (darker)
- **6 DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Silver studs
- **7 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Turquoise (darker)
- **8 DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise**
  Turquoise (lighter)
- **9 DMC 746 Off White**
  Horns and blaze (lighter), eye lights
- **10 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Blaze and horns (darker)
- **11 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Head and ears (darkest), eyelids and mouth
- **12 DMC 921 Copper**
  Head and ears (light), forelock (lighter)
- **13 DMC 922 Light Copper** Head and ears (lightest)
- **14 DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige** Inner ears
- **15 DMC 950 Light Desert Sand** Muzzle
- **16 DMC 310 Black** Eyes and nostrils

## 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.


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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 dashed line is whipped back stitch. 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

Stem stitch. 2 strands: eyelids, mouth; 1 or 2 strands: pale cores.
French knot. 2 strands: nail heads; 1 strand: turquoise, eye lights.



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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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