Chameleon on a spool of thread

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.1 in (11.4 × 10.4 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, loops and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Far legs, wound thread, feet, body and tail, back bars, near legs, head
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Spool rims, spool inner face, spool face, spool hole, crest, needle, eye turret, eye, pupil
3. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Hem line
4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Vine, loose thread, casque ridge
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaves, daisies, needle, nostril
6. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Outline, spool outline, needle eye, mouth
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, daisies

Floss

- **1 DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green**
  Body and tail (shade 2 of 7), head (darkest), hem line and vine, back bars (lighter)
- **2 DMC 992 Light Aquamarine**
  Body and tail (shade 4 of 7), head and eye turret (dark), leaves
- **3 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry**
  Near legs (darkest), wound thread (dark), daisies (darker) and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 3833 Light Raspberry**
  Wound thread (lightest), feet (light), daisies (lighter)
- **5 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Crest, eye and daisy hearts
- **6 DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry**
  Wound thread (light), body and tail (shade 3 of 7), feet (middle) and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 3341 Apricot**
  Body and tail (shade 5 of 7), near legs and far legs (middle)
- **8 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Outline, mouth and nostril, back bars (darker)
- **9 DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown**
  Spool rims (middle), spool inner face (lighter), spool face (dark)
- **10 DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown**
  Spool outline (lighter), spool inner face (darker), spool rims (dark), spool hole
- **11 DMC 437 Light Tan** Spool rims (light), spool face (middle)
- **12 DMC 150 Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose**
  Wound thread (darkest), spool outline (darker)
- **13 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Spool face (light)
- **14 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Body and tail (shade 7 of 7), far legs, head and near legs (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **15 DMC 964 Light Seagreen**
  Head, far legs and near legs (light), body and tail (shade 6 of 7), eye turret (middle)
- **16 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray** Needle
- **17 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray** Pupil and needle eye
- **18 DMC 3865 Winter White** Eye light

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Daisy hearts, eye light

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

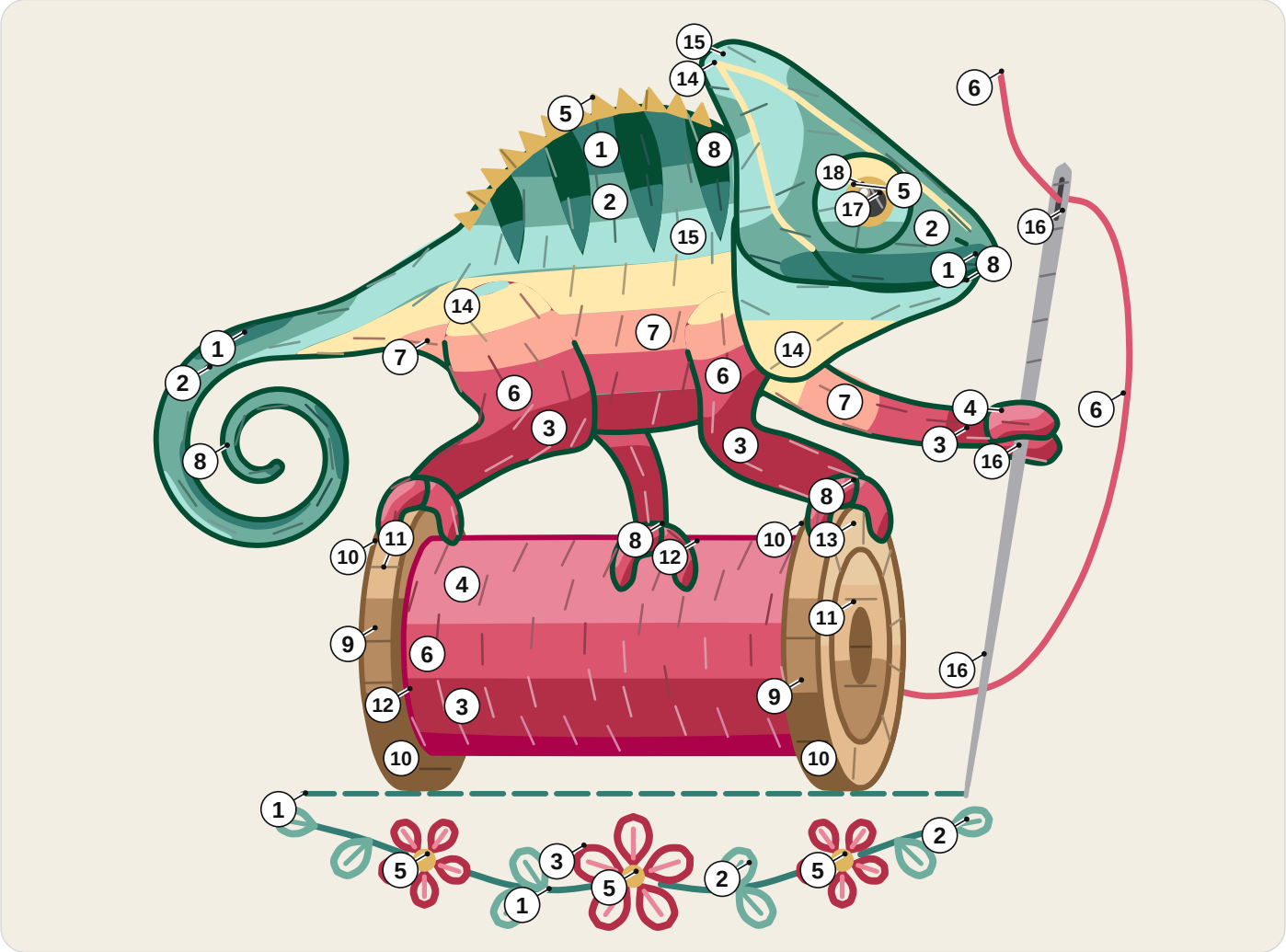
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A dashed line is running 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

Straight stitch. 2 strands: nostril; 1 strand: leaves, daisies, needle.
Split stitch. 2 strands: needle eye, mouth; 1 or 2 strands: spool outline; 1 strand: outline.
French knot. 2 strands: daisy hearts; 1 strand: eye light.

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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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