Cheetah head in flowers

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.4 in (11.4 × 11.2 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: eucalyptus leaves, sprig leaves, tear lines, nostrils, pupils, eye rims, rose centers, anemone centers
   1 strand: spots



2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ears, ear fur, neck, face, chin, muzzle, nose, eye rims, eyes, leaves, rose petals, anemone petals, blossom petals



3. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: mouth
   2 strands: eucalyptus, sprig, rose centers
   1 strand: whiskers, leaves

4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye highlights, whisker spots, anemone rays



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges

6. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: blossom centers
   1 strand: anemone knots



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

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: 23 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 teal 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 503 Medium Blue Green	9	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	17	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
2	DMC 502 Blue Green	10	DMC 434 Light Brown	18	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose
3	DMC 3364 Pine Green	11	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	19	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose
4	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	12	DMC 3865 Winter White	20	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta
5	DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown	13	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	21	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta
6	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown	14	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	22	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta
7	DMC 3371 Black Brown	15	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	23	DMC 948 Very Light Peach
8	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	16	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose		

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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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