Chinese style rabbit with peonies

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, branch, peony petals, sepals, bud, peony heart, rock, bank, grass, eye, pupil, nose
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ears, tail, forelegs, body, hind foot, head, ear lining
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Eyelid, mouth, whiskers
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens
5. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye light, stamens

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- 1 **DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Rock and leaves (dark), bank, sepals and grass (darker)
- 2 **DMC 3816 Celadon Green**
  Leaves (middle), bank, grass and sepals (lighter)
- 3 **DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green** Leaves (light)
- 4 **DMC 436 Tan** Branch (lighter)
- 5 **DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Branch (darker)
- 6 **DMC 3326 Light Rose**
  Peony petals and bud (light), ear lining (dark)
- 7 **DMC 3733 Dusty Rose**
  Peony petals (middle light), bud (dark)
- 8 **DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Peony petals (dark)
- 9 **DMC 818 Baby Pink**
  Peony petals and bud (lightest), ear lining (middle)
- 10 **DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose**
  Peony petals (middle dark), bud (darkest), nose
- 11 **DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve**
  Peony petals (darkest), peony heart, eyelid and mouth
- 12 **DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Rock (light), body (dark), forelegs (darker), ears, head and tail (darkest)
- 13 **DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Rock (middle), body (darkest)
- 14 **DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Body (middle), ears, tail, hind foot and head (dark), forelegs (lighter)
- 15 **DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Body, ears, head and tail (light), hind foot (middle)
- 16 **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Body, head, ears and tail (lightest), whiskers, hind foot (light) and 2 more parts
- 17 **DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Eye
- 18 **DMC 310 Black** Pupil
- 19 **DMC 3822 Light Straw** Stamens

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 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

French knot. 2 strands: stamens; 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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