Chinese style tiger with peonies

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark red cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Peony stems
2. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Tail, legs, body, lines of the ears, head (color 7)
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, peonies, peony centers, tail stripes, leg stripes, paws, body stripes, ears, eyes, brows, cheeks, forehead bars, nose, mouth, tongue, teeth
4. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Toes, head (color 7)
5. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Outline
6. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Edges of the mouth
7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the peony centers, knots of the eyes

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: 9 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 7, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark red 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 3814 Aquamarine	**4**	DMC 605 Very Light Cranberry	**7**	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine
2	DMC 993 Very Light Aquamarine	**5**	DMC 602 Medium Cranberry	**8**	DMC 310 Black
3	DMC 600 Very Dark Cranberry	**6**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**9**	DMC 3865 Winter White

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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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