Chinese zodiac dog with plum blossom

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.4 in (10.7 × 11.2 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Plum branch, rock hearts, tail, far foreleg, body, saddle patch, near foreleg, haunch, hind paw, far ear, head, ear patch, near ear, and 2 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rocks, collar, inner ear, nose, eye, bell, buds, sepals
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bark lines, fur edges, petal edges
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Toes, brow, bell slit, stamens
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Mouth
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye light, anthers, moss

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown** Plum branch (middle), sepals
- **2 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Plum branch (dark), bark lines and bell slit
- **3 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Plum branch (light)
- **4 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue** Rocks (darkest), rock hearts
- **5 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Rocks (dark), fur edges, far foreleg and tail (darkest)
- **6 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Rocks (light), body and haunch (darkest), tail and far foreleg (dark) and 4 more parts
- **7 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Body, tail, haunch, head and near foreleg (light), rocks (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **8 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Body, haunch, head, near foreleg and hind paw (dark), far foreleg (light), tail (middle)
- **9 DMC BLANC White**
  Haunch, head, near foreleg, body, tail and hind paw (lightest), stamens and eye light
- **10 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Saddle patch and far ear (lighter), near ear and ear patch (middle)
- **11 DMC 310 Black**
  Ear patch (dark), far ear and saddle patch (darker), eye and nose and 3 more parts
- **12 DMC 304 Medium Red** Collar
- **13 DMC 317 Pewter Gray** Near ear and ear patch (light)
- **14 DMC 3833 Light Raspberry**
  Blossom petals, buds and fallen petals (light), inner ear
- **15 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Anthers, bell (light)
- **16 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz** Bell (dark)
- **17 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Bell (middle)
- **18 DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry**
  Blossom petals, buds and fallen petals (middle)
- **19 DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry**
  Blossom petals, buds and fallen petals (dark)
- **20 DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose**
  Blossom petals and fallen petals (lightest)
- **21 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Petal edges, blossom petals and fallen petals (darkest)
- **22 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green** Moss (lighter)
- **23 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Moss (darker)

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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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2	DMC 3371 Black Brown	10	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	18	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry
3	DMC 433 Medium Brown	11	DMC 310 Black	19	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
4	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	12	DMC 304 Medium Red	20	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
5	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	13	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	21	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 3833 Light Raspberry	22	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
7	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	15	DMC 3822 Light Straw	23	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green
8	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	16	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz		

How many strands

Straight stitch. 2 strands: brow; 1 strand: toes, bell slit, stamens.
French knot. 2 strands: moss; 1 or 2 strands: anthers; 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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