Cow with bandana portrait

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.4 in (10.2 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
   Ears, inner ears, ear hair, neck and shoulders, bandana, bandana folds, bandana tails, bandana knot, chin, face, muzzle, nose, nostrils, eyelids, eyes (color 19), forelock



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 10, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21
   Bandana creases, mouth, eyes (color 19), eye highlight, daisy stem, daisy leaf, daisy petals



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 17, 19
   2 strands: bandana hem, edges of the eyelids
   1 strand: eyelashes

4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 10
   Nose highlights



5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, color 18
   Lip line

6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 22
   Daisy center



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 10, 22, 23
   Knots of the daisy center, bandana flowers



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

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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 436 Tan	9	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	17	DMC 927 Light Gray Green
2	DMC 434 Light Brown	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	18	DMC 779 Dark Cocoa
3	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	11	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	19	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 437 Light Tan	12	DMC 433 Medium Brown	20	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
5	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink	13	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	21	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
6	DMC 3860 Cocoa	14	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	22	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
7	DMC 3861 Light Cocoa	15	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	23	DMC 743 Medium Yellow
8	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	16	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green		

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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

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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