Crowned ginger cat with thistles

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.8 in (11.2 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Top leaf, thistle cups
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Small leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouse leaf, small leaf, thistle blooms, thistle cups, hillock, cat, cat chest, tabby stripes, and 3 more
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems, thistle cups, crown, ear lining, eye, nose, mouse, mouse ears, mouse eye
5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Left leaf, hanging leaf, top leaf, mouse leaf, small leaf
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Left leaf, hanging leaf, mouse leaf, small leaf, thistle cups, hillock, cat edges, crown, and 4 more
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Hanging leaf
8. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Thistle blooms, eye, whiskers, mouse eye, mouse feet
9. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouth
10. **French knot**
    strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Left leaf, top leaf, crown jewels, heather, mouse nose

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 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Left leaf, hillock, small leaf, top leaf and small leaves (darkest)
- **2 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Top leaf, left leaf and small leaf (dark), hillock (middle dark)
- **3 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green**
  Left leaf, small leaf, hillock and small leaves (light)
- **4 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Left leaf, mouse leaf and small leaf (lightest), hanging leaf (light)
- **5 DMC 469 Avocado Green**
  Hillock (middle light), stems, mouse leaf (dark) and 2 more parts
- **6 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Hillock (dark), thistle cups and mouse leaf (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Thistle cups and top leaf (light), crown (darker)
- **8 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany**
  Cat, cat tail and cat head (light), top leaf (lightest)
- **9 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Thistle cups and hillock (lightest), mouse leaf (light) and 2 more parts
- **10 DMC 3835 Medium Grape** Thistle blooms and heather (dark)
- **11 DMC 3834 Dark Grape**
  Thistle blooms (darkest), crown jewels, nose and mouse nose
- **12 DMC 3836 Light Grape** Thistle blooms (light), heather (middle)
- **13 DMC 153 Very Light Violet**
  Thistle blooms (lightest), heather (light), mouse ears and mouse feet
- **14 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany** Cat, cat tail and cat head (dark)
- **15 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Cat edges and tabby stripes, cat, cat head and cat tail (darkest)
- **16 DMC 977 Light Golden Brown**
  Cat, cat head and cat tail (lightest), cat chest (darker)
- **17 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Cat chest and mouse eye (lighter), ear lining and whiskers
- **18 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Crown (lighter)
- **19 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Eye and mouse eye (darker), mouth
- **20 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray** Mouse (dark), mouse tail
- **21 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray** Mouse (middle)
- **22 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray** Mouse (light)

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.

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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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7	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**15**	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany		
8	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	**16**	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: left leaf, mouse leaf, small leaf, tabby stripes; 2 strands: hanging leaf, thistle cups, hillock, cat edges, crown, heather stems, mouse tail; 1 strand: eye.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: eye, mouse feet; 1 strand: thistle blooms, whiskers, mouse eye.
French knot. 2 strands: left leaf, crown jewels, heather; 1 strand: top leaf, mouse nose.

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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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