Cute axolotl in a teacup

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4 in (11.4 × 10.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: saucer edge
   2 strands: saucer well

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Cup, tail fin, tail, hands, head



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Saucer scallops, shadow under the cup, cup handle, inside of the cup, cup foot, cup band, cup rim, cup leaves, cup daisies, gill filaments, gill stems, eyes, eye highlights, daisy, spoon, spoon light



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: cup outline, vine
   3 strands: outline, smile

6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: tail line
   2 strands: spoon edge

7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Fingers, nostrils



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: daisy centers
   1 strand: knots of the eye highlights



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 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.

Buy: 16 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 809 Delft Blue	7	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	13	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
2	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	8	DMC BLANC White	14	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose
3	DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue	9	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	15	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue	10	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	16	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
5	DMC 775 Very Light Baby Blue	11	DMC 3326 Light Rose		
6	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	12	DMC 761 Light Salmon		

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



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