Easy cute baby zebra with a butterfly

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4.3 in (9.9 × 10.9 cm).



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

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 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Far legs and muzzle
- **2 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Stripes, outline, tail tuft, hooves, forelock and eye, mane (darker) and 7 more parts
- **3 DMC BLANC White**
  Coat, face, ears, tail, flower centers, wing spots and eye light, mane (lighter)
- **4 DMC 3733 Dusty Rose**
  Flower petals, inner ears and cheek, buds (lighter)
- **5 DMC 3755 Baby Blue**
  Butterfly wings (lighter)
- **6 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Butterfly wings (darker)
- **7 DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green**
  Grass, leaves and flower stems, buds (darker)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 3 strands
   Far legs, stripes, hooves, tail, ear tips, coat, face, muzzle, eye, eye light, cheek, nostril, butterfly body, buds
2. **Fishbone stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tail tuft, ears, inner ears, forelock, butterfly wings, leaves
3. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Outline, mouth
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Mane, buds, flower petals, grass
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eyelid, lashes, antennae, flower stems
6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Flower petals
7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye light, wing spots, flower centers

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.

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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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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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How many strands

Fishbone stitch. 3 strands: tail tuft, ears, inner ears, forelock; 2 strands: butterfly wings, leaves.
Back stitch. 3 strands: mouth; 1 or 2 strands: outline.
Straight stitch. 4 strands: grass; 3 strands: mane; 2 strands: buds, flower petals.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: eyelid; 2 or 3 strands: flower stems; 2 strands: lashes, antennae.
French knot. 2 strands: wing spots, flower centers; 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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