Do-si-do dancing deer

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.

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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A dashed line is running stitch.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 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 3, 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 2 and 3 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

DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
Waistcoat, hooves, bodice, daisies, antlers, skirt scallops and ears and 52 more parts

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, buds, daisy centers, hooves, skirt scallops, bodice, jingles, sash bow, waistcoat, hat band, antlers, noses, eyes, and 5 more

2. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: floor
   3 strands: wreath stem
   2 strands: bud cups, tune

3. **Back stitch**
   4 strands: trousers, skirt, buck head, doe head
   3 strands: doe arms, hat, sleeves, collar
   2 or 3 strands: tambourine, neckerchief
   2 strands: buck legs, trouser cuffs, doe legs, petticoat lace, skirt tiers, rickrack, bodice, ribbons, puff sleeves, sash bow, shirt, waistcoat, buck arms, sleeve cuffs, ears, faces, lashes, hair ribbon, wren legs, wren, wren bill
   1 or 2 strands: knee patch
   1 strand: trouser folds, skirt folds, sleeve folds, bow folds, fur

4. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Trouser cuffs

5. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisies

6. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: daisy centers
   1 strand: bodice buttons, neckerchief dots, collar knots, wren eye

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops 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

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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