Draft horse in harness bells

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

17 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 318; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16
   Collar, neck, dapples, mane, ears, head, blaze, eye socket, eye (color 1), forelock
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 17
   Hames, neck strap, collar roll, hame straps, brass rings, bell loops, bell bands, bell mouths, eye rim, eye (color 17), nostrils, bridle, reins
3. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10
   3 strands: collar edges, tassel cords, eyelid (color 9), mouth
   2 strands: hame edges
   1 strand: strap edges, mane lines, bridle edges, edges of the rosettes, forelock lines, rein edges
4. **Straight stitch**, colors 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16
   2 strands: tassels, bell highlight, eye highlight
   3 strands: edges of the tassel heads
   1 strand: ear hair, eyelashes
5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, colors 8, 10, 13
   Eyelid (colors 10 and 13), lines of the nostrils
6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 7, 15
   Hame balls, tassel heads, bells, rosettes

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

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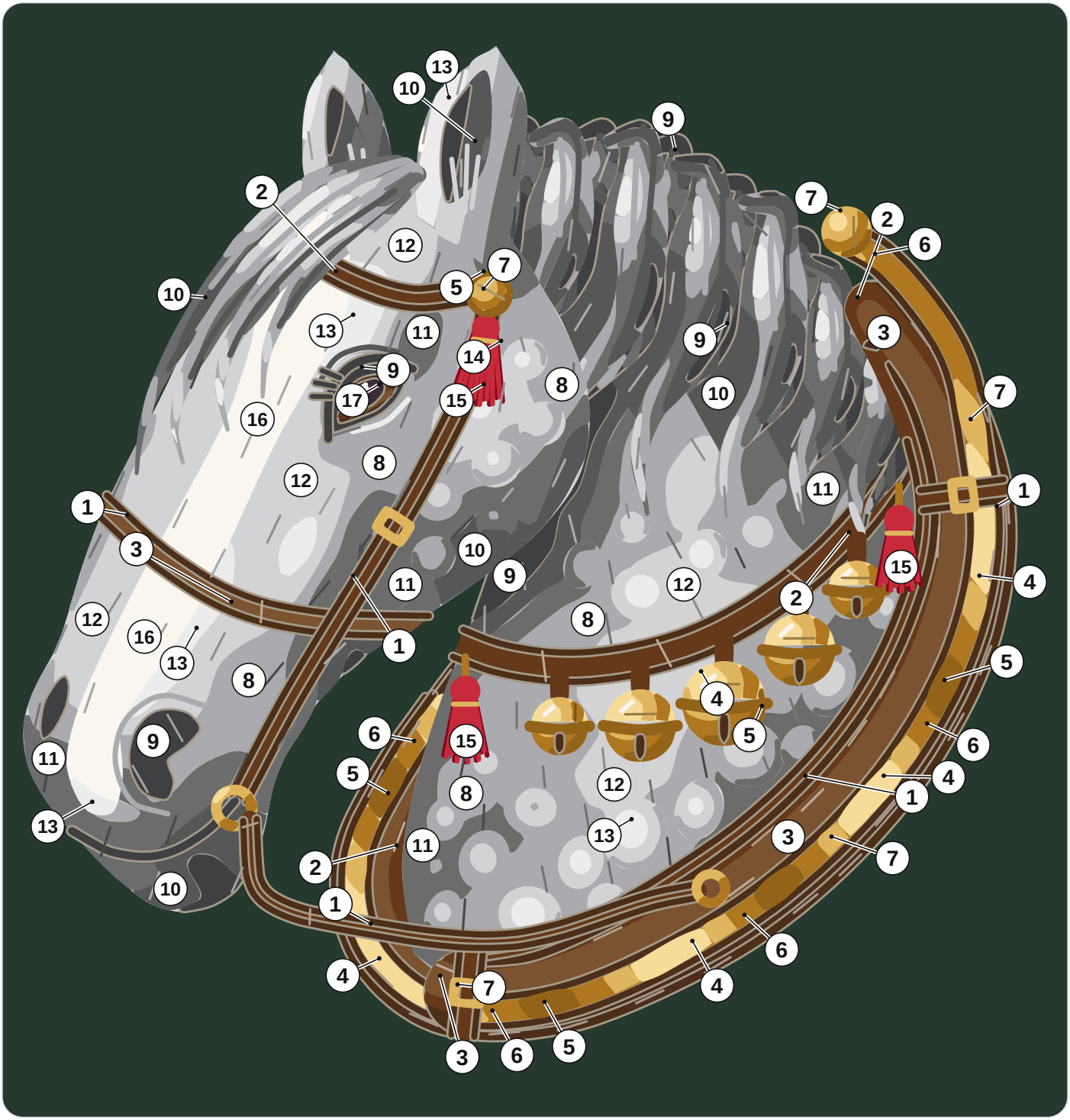
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	7	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
2	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	8	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	14	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
3	DMC 433 Medium Brown	9	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	15	DMC 321 Red
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	10	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	16	DMC 3865 Winter White
5	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	11	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	17	DMC 3371 Black Brown
6	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	12	DMC 415 Pearl Gray		

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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 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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