Easter hedgehog family with painted egg

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.9 in (11.9 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Meadow, daffodil petals, feet, chest and belly, coat, faces, arms
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Daffodil trumpets, primroses, painted egg, quills, noses, eyes, eye lights, cheeks, ears, butterflies
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Border stem, daffodil trumpets, painted egg, smiles
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Grass, egg lines, claws, eye lights
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Outlines
7. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eyebrows, butterflies
8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Egg flowers, daisies
9. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Grape hyacinths, daffodil hearts, primrose hearts, egg dots, eye lights, daisy hearts, butterflies

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots and 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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green** Meadow (light)
- **2 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green** Leaves (light), meadow (dark)
- **3 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Meadow (middle)
- **4 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green** Leaves (dark), border stem and grass
- **5 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Leaves (middle), egg lines
- **6 DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet**
  Grape hyacinths (darker), butterflies (shade 2 of 7)
- **7 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Painted egg (dark), grape hyacinths (lighter), butterflies (shade 5 of 7)
- **8 DMC 744 Pale Yellow**
  Daffodil petals and egg dots (middle), butterflies (shade 6 of 7)
- **9 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Daffodil petals (dark), daffodil trumpets (lighter), primrose hearts and 2 more parts
- **10 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Daffodil petals (light), daffodil hearts, butterflies (shade 7 of 7)
- **11 DMC 740 Tangerine** Daffodil trumpets (darker), butterflies (shade 4 of 7)
- **12 DMC 352 Light Coral** Primroses, painted egg (light)
- **13 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Painted egg (darkest), egg flowers, butterflies (shade 3 of 7)
- **14 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Painted egg (lightest), daisies and eye lights, egg dots (light)
- **15 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Coat (light), quills (middle), feet (dark), outlines (lighter)
- **16 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Quills (lightest), feet (light), chest and belly and faces (dark), arms (middle)
- **17 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Chest and belly (darkest), quills (light), coat (lightest) and 4 more parts
- **18 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Coat and quills (dark), outlines (darker), claws and eyebrows
- **19 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Chest and belly and arms (light), faces (middle)
- **20 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Chest and belly (lightest), faces (light)
- **21 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Quills and coat (darkest), eyes, noses and smiles, butterflies (shade 1 of 7)
- **22 DMC 712 Cream** Faces (lightest)
- **23 DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta** Ears (lighter), cheeks

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

Stem stitch. 3 strands: border stem, painted egg; 2 strands: daffodil trumpets; 1 or 2 strands: smiles.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: egg lines; 2 strands: grass, eye lights; 1 or 2 strands: claws.
Back stitch. 2 strands: eyebrows; 1 strand: butterflies.
Lazy daisy stitch. 3 strands: egg flowers; 2 strands: daisies.
French knot. 2 strands: grape hyacinths, daffodil hearts, primrose hearts, egg dots, daisy hearts, butterflies; 1 strand: eye lights.

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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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