Easy dinosaur tracks in mud with an egg

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Fern stems

2. **Split stitch**, 4 strands
   Egg

3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tracks, fern leaves, egg shade, egg speckles



4. **Stem stitch**
   6 strands: mud
   3 strands: fiddleheads
   5 strands: nest hollow

5. **Split stitch**
   5 strands: track edges
   3 strands: egg edge

6. **Chain stitch**
   3 strands: mossy banks, rim
   5 strands: nest



7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Star flowers



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Flower centers



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 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.

Buy: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 7, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
2 DMC 435 Very Light Brown
3 DMC 738 Very Light Tan
4 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green
5 DMC 989 Forest Green
6 DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue
7 DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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