Easy folk art beavers and a birch tree

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.4 in (11.2 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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 BLANC White**
  Birch, daisies, teeth and eye lights
- **2 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Tails, bark edge, beaver outline, feet, arm edges and haunch curves and 9 more parts
- **3 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaves (darker), tulip stems, ground line, vine and daisy stems
- **4 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Leaves (lighter)
- **5 DMC 977 Light Golden Brown**
  Cheeks, bellies, tulip hearts, tail lattice, gnawed wood and catkins and 2 more parts
- **6 DMC 321 Red**
  Tulips and hearts, daisy hearts (darker)
- **7 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Fur (darker), haunches and arms

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Birch, leaves, gnawed wood, hearts, tulips, tulip hearts, tails, ears, feet, noses, eyes, teeth, paws
2. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Twigs, bark edge, tulip stems, fur, haunches, bellies, cheeks, beaver outline, haunch curves, arms, arm edges, brows, mouths, vine, daisy stems
3. **Chain stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Catkins, ground line
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bark bars, teeth edges
5. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bark edge, tail lattice, teeth edges
6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Daisies
7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Daisy hearts, eye lights

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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

Stem stitch. 6 strands: haunches, bellies, cheeks, arms; 5 or 6 strands: fur; 3 strands: twigs, tulip stems, haunch curves, vine, daisy stems; 2 strands: bark edge, beaver outline, arm edges, brows, mouths.
Chain stitch. 4 strands: catkins; 3 strands: ground line.
Straight stitch. 2 or 3 strands: bark bars; 1 strand: teeth edges.
Back stitch. 2 strands: bark edge, tail lattice; 1 strand: teeth edges.
French knot. 2 strands: daisy hearts; 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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