Easy Kantha style cat and fish

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.4 in (10.7 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where.

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**
   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.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Floss

- **DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Mat edge, lotus leaves and lotus stem, mat rows and fish scales (darker)
- **DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Echo row, mat rows (lighter)
- **DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Fish outline, lotus petals and tail rows (darker) and 6 more parts
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Cat outline, lotus edges, whiskers and muzzle, haunch rows (dark) and 5 more parts
- **DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Fish head, lotus petals and eyes (lighter), haunch rows (light) and 10 more parts

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 3 to 4 strands
  Mat edge, lotus stem, cat outline, eyes, fish outline, muzzle
- **Running stitch**, 4 to 6 strands
  Mat rows, tail rows, far foreleg rows, body rows, haunch rows, paw rows, foreleg rows, fish tail, fish scales, echo row
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Lotus petals, wheel petals, wheel center, ears, eyes, pupils, fish head, fish eye, nose
- **Back stitch**, 2 to 4 strands
  Lotus edges, forehead stripes, fish fin, whiskers
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Lotus leaves

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

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1 in
25.4 mm

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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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