Easy speckled brown trout

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.3 in (11.2 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green 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 937 Medium Avocado Green**
  Leaves, back rows and cattail stems
- **2 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Cattail heads, spots, big spots, jaw and nostril, outline, eye and gill cover (darker)
- **3 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Splash and rings (darker), dragonfly
- **4 DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Dragonfly wings, halos, drops and eye light, splash and rings (lighter)
- **5 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Tail, back fin and side line, lower fins (darker), outline (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **6 DMC 349 Dark Coral**
  Red spots and tail edge, little fin (darker)
- **7 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Lower fins and eye (lighter), belly rows

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cattail heads, little fin, big spots, eye
2. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Cattail stems, splash, back rows, belly rows, dragonfly
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Cattail stems, leaves, rings, splash, tail, tail edge, back fin, lower fins, side line, outline, halos, gill cover, belly rows, eye, jaw
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye light, nostril
5. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Drops, dragonfly wings
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Spots, red spots, drops, dragonfly

What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in sage green. Embroidery needle: size 7. Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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. 3 strands: cattail stems, rings, splash, tail, tail edge, back fin, lower fins, side line, outline, gill cover, belly rows, jaw; 2 strands: leaves, halos, eye.

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6 inch hoop

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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