Evil panda in dark roses

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.8 in (11.2 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

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: 23 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 310; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Leaf stalks, rose stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Bamboo leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: body, forearms, bamboo canes, ears, head, cheek fur, eye patches, muzzle, paws
   1 strand: brows, rose buds, rose petals, inner petals



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Thorns, cane joints, cane ends, eye rims, eyes, pupils, eyelids, mouth, tongue, teeth, fang, claws, rose leaves, sepals, petal lips, rose centers, ladybird head, ladybird



5. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: lashings, eye highlights
   2 strands: nose highlight
   1 strand: ladybird feelers



6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: fur rim
   2 strands: lines of the petal lips

7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the eyelids, smile, lines of the rose centers
   1 strand: leaf veins, lines of the ladybird spots

8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Nose



9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Knots of the ladybird spots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 310 Black	9	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	17	DMC 920 Medium Copper
2	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	10	DMC 3822 Light Straw	18	DMC 742 Light Tangerine
3	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	11	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	19	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
4	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	12	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	20	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
5	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	13	DMC 712 Cream	21	DMC 321 Red
6	DMC 522 Fern Green	14	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	22	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet
7	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold	15	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	23	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet
8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	16	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray		

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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