Fish rippling the water surface

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Side fins, belly fins, tail fin, body, dark patches, back fin, lily pads, water lily
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyes, mouth
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Fin rays, fin edges, body edge, scales, gill, pad veins, pad edges, petal edges
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Fin rays, eye lights, nostrils
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Gill, barbels, rings on the water, rim of the pond
6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Rings on the water
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Lily heart

Floss

- **1 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray**
  Lily pads and dark patches (middle), side fins and belly fins (dark) and 3 more parts
- **2 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Lily pads (dark), tail fin and side fins (darkest), fin edges (darker) and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray**
  Lily pads and tail fin (light), petal edges, scales (darker) and 4 more parts
- **4 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Rim of the pond, pad edges and pad veins, scales (lighter) and 8 more parts
- **5 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Fin rays (darker), body (middle), back fin (light) and 4 more parts
- **6 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Fin edges and fin rays (lighter), body and water lily (light), body edge and barbels
- **7 DMC BLANC White**
  Body and water lily (lightest), rings on the water (lighter), eye lights
- **8 DMC 317 Pewter Gray**
  Dark patches (light)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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

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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3	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	**6**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray		

How many strands

Split stitch. 2 strands: pad edges; 1 strand: fin rays, fin edges, body edge, scales, gill, pad veins, petal edges.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: nostrils; 1 strand: fin rays, eye lights.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: rim of the pond; 2 or 3 strands: rings on the water; 2 strands: gill, barbels.

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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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