Funny cricket in a cricket helmet

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.7 × 4.3 in (9.4 × 10.9 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Feelers, leg spines, tail prongs, leg marks, vest band, vest stripes, bat handle, glove cuffs, gloves, armhole, eyes, pupils, eyelids, and 5 more
2. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Turf, hind legs, feet, belly, wing, knees, legs, shoes, batting pads, arms, vest, bat, gloves, neck, face, helmet, ball
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Crease line, belly bands, wing veins, pad ribs, bat ridge, lash lines, helmet seam, peak line
4. **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Outlines
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Knitting
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye lights
7. **Outline stitch**, 2 strands
   Ball seam

Floss

- **1 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Outlines (middle), hind legs and legs (darkest), feelers, belly (dark) and 9 more parts
- **2 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Turf (lighter), face (darker), hind legs, belly, arms and legs (light) and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Belly (middle), turf (darker), hind legs, legs and arms (dark) and 5 more parts
- **4 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Vest and batting pads (light), wing (lighter), knitting and eyes and 5 more parts
- **5 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Hind legs, legs, arms, feet and knees (lightest), face (lighter), wing (darker)
- **6 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Batting pads, shoes and gloves (middle), grille (lighter)
- **7 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Grille (darker), pad ribs, batting pads, gloves and shoes (dark)
- **8 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray** Outlines (lightest)
- **9 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Vest (dark), bat (middle)
- **10 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Bat (light), vest (middle), vest band (lighter)
- **11 DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Helmet (dark), vest band and vest stripes (darker), armhole and glove cuffs
- **12 DMC 321 Red** Bat handle, ball (middle), vest stripes (lighter)
- **13 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Outlines (light)
- **14 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Outlines and ball (dark)
- **15 DMC 436 Tan** Bat (dark), bat ridge
- **16 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Helmet and outlines (darkest), peak and pupils
- **17 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue** Helmet (light)
- **18 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Helmet (lightest), helmet seam, ear hole and peak line
- **19 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Star badge, antenna holes and grille studs
- **20 DMC 3705 Dark Melon** Ball (light)

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Antenna holes, grille studs

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.

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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. 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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6	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	13	DMC 433 Medium Brown	20	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
7	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	14	DMC 815 Medium Garnet		

How many strands

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: helmet; 1 strand: turf, hind legs, feet, belly, wing, knees, legs, shoes, batting pads, arms, vest, bat, gloves, neck, face, ball.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: crease line, lash lines; 2 strands: belly bands, wing veins, pad ribs, bat ridge, helmet seam, peak line.

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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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