Gecko and plumeria

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.7 in (11.4 × 11.9 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, loops and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Branch, buds, flower stalks, flower throats, toes, toe pads, legs, flanks, tail tip, head, crown, eyes, pupils
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Plumeria petals
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaves, flower stalks, buds, outline
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges
6. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
   Leg stitches
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain bands, collar
8. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail stitches
9. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye lights, nostrils
10. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Lazy daisies
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Spine

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige** Branch
- **2 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Leaves (middle)
- **3 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green** Leaves (darkest)
- **4 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Leaves (lightest)
- **5 DMC 469 Avocado Green** Leaves (dark)
- **6 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Leaves (light), flower stalks
- **7 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Plumeria petals and buds (light), eye lights
- **8 DMC 351 Coral** Spine, buds (darkest)
- **9 DMC 746 Off White**
  Plumeria petals and buds (lightest)
- **10 DMC 422 Light Hazelnut Brown**
  Petal edges, buds (dark)
- **11 DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Plumeria petals (darkest), flower throats
- **12 DMC 744 Pale Yellow** Plumeria petals (dark)
- **13 DMC 3851 Light Bright Green**
  Legs, tail tip, toes, chain bands and crown
- **14 DMC 964 Light Seagreen** Outline and toe pads
- **15 DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green**
  Leg stitches, lazy daisies, tail stitches and collar
- **16 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Flanks and head
- **17 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw** Eyes
- **18 DMC 310 Black** Pupils and nostrils

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.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Gecko and plumeria

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 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.



1	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	7	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 3851 Light Bright Green
2	DMC 3364 Pine Green	8	DMC 351 Coral	14	DMC 964 Light Seagreen
3	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	9	DMC 746 Off White	15	DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green
4	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	10	DMC 422 Light Hazelnut Brown	16	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
5	DMC 469 Avocado Green	11	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	17	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw
6	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	12	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	18	DMC 310 Black

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: flower stalks; 2 strands: outline; 1 strand: leaves, buds.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Gecko and plumeria

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.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Gecko and plumeria

6 inch hoop

Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.