Gorilla portrait in thread painting

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.7 in (11.4 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Shoulders and chest, ear, head fur, face, amber eyes, leaves



2. **Satin stitch**
   1 strand: nostrils, mouth
   2 strands: eyelids, eye corners, pupils



3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Creases, leaf veins (colors 19 and 20)

4. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins (colors 19 and 20)

5. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye highlights



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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 you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 24 colors of floss (page 2), 3 skeins of DMC 310 and 2 of DMC 3799; 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 white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 647 Medium Beaver Gray	17	DMC 3822 Light Straw
2	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	10	DMC 3371 Black Brown	18	DMC BLANC White
3	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	11	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	19	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green
4	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	12	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	20	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green
5	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	13	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	21	DMC 502 Blue Green
6	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	14	DMC 433 Medium Brown	22	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
7	DMC 645 Very Dark Beaver Gray	15	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	23	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
8	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	16	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	24	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green

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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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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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