Guinea pig key fob

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Feet, ears, inner ears, eye rings, eyes, eye lights, nose, parsley leaves, daisy, daisy center
2. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   White coat, ginger patch, brown patch, blush, hair tuft
3. **Blanket stitch**, 3 strands
   Fob edge
4. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyelet
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Outline, haunch, hair tuft
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Toes, ear folds, mouth, parsley stems
7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Parsley veins

Floss

- **1 DMC 3779 Very Light Rosewood**
  Feet and blush, inner ears and nose (lighter)
- **2 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Outline, haunch, ear folds, toes and mouth, brown patch (dark)
- **3 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  White coat and hair tuft (light), daisy and eye lights
- **4 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  White coat and hair tuft (dark)
- **5 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  White coat and hair tuft (middle)
- **6 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Ginger patch (dark), brown patch (light), ears (middle), eye rings (darker)
- **7 DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown**
  Ginger patch (middle)
- **8 DMC 977 Light Golden Brown**
  Ginger patch and ears (light), eye rings (lighter), daisy center
- **9 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Brown patch (middle), ears (dark), eyes (lighter)
- **10 DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta**
  Inner ears and nose (darker)
- **11 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Eyes (darker)
- **12 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Parsley leaves (dark), parsley stems, parsley veins (middle)
- **13 DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green**
  Fob edge and eyelet, parsley leaves (darkest), parsley veins (dark)
- **14 DMC 906 Medium Parrot Green**
  Parsley leaves and parsley veins (light)
- **15 DMC 907 Light Parrot Green**
  Parsley leaves (lightest)

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.

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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How many strands

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: white coat, ginger patch, brown patch; 1 strand: blush, hair tuft.
Split stitch. 3 strands: haunch; 2 or 3 strands: outline; 1 strand: hair tuft.
Stem stitch. 3 or 5 strands: parsley stems; 3 strands: mouth; 2 strands: toes, ear folds.

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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.
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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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