Hairy Highland cow with thistles

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.2 in (10.9 × 10.7 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
   Neck and shoulder, ears, horns, thistle leaves, thistle brushes, thistle bulbs, face, cheek tufts, beard, muzzle, nose, eye socket, eye (color 2), brow, forelock, fringe, poll tuft, caught lock



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Nostrils, eye (color 9), eye highlight



3. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: thistle stems
   2 strands: eyelids (color 9)

4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins, nostril rims, mouth
   2 strands: eyelids (color 4)

5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: thistle spines
   1 strand: bulb scales, lines of the thistle brushes, wet lights, lines of the eye highlight



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: 19 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 301; 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 400 Dark Mahogany	8	DMC 712 Cream	15	DMC 553 Violet
2	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	9	DMC 3371 Black Brown	16	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet
3	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	10	DMC 451 Dark Shell Gray	17	DMC 210 Medium Lavender
4	DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown	11	DMC 452 Medium Shell Gray	18	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet
5	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	12	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	19	DMC 453 Light Shell Gray
6	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	13	DMC 522 Fern Green		
7	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	14	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green		

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6 inch hoop

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 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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6 inch hoop

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



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