Highland cow portrait

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 3.8 in (10.2 × 9.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

18 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 301; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**
   1 strand, colors 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17
   Horns, horn tips, nose, nostrils, eye



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15
   Chest, ears, ear lining, ear feathering, face, cheeks, chin, muzzle, eye hollow, fringe



3. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 4, 5, 6, 18
   Thread ends, eye highlight



4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13
   Horn edges, mouth, eye lower light, eyelid, lines of the fringe

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

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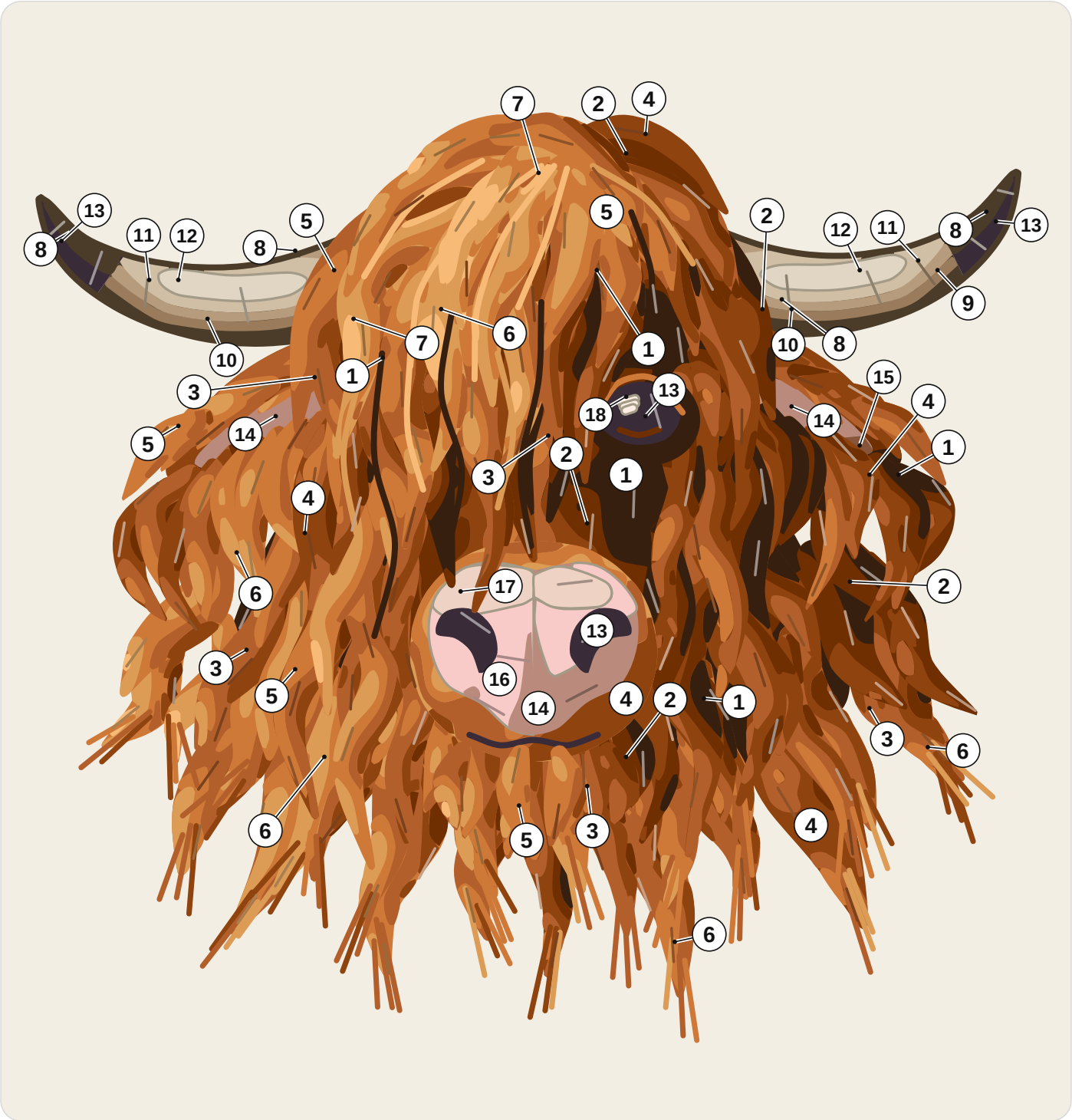
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	7	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown
2	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	8	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	14	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood
3	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	9	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	15	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand
4	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany	10	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	16	DMC 3779 Very Light Rosewood
5	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	11	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	17	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand
6	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown	12	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	18	DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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