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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 3.8 in (11.4 × 9.7 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 and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Bough, tails, legs, bodies, paws, haunches, heads, ears, horn
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Maple leaves, plinths, mane ground, teeth, eyes, pupils, inner ears, mouth, tongue, fallen leaf
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Noses, brows
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf stalks, haunch spirals, toes, mane, lips, eye edges, brow edges
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, eye lights
6. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Form lines

Floss

- **1 DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown** Bough (lighter)
- **2 DMC 844 Ultra Dark Beaver Gray**
  Mane ground (darker), plinths (darkest), bodies (shade 1 of 7) and 12 more parts
- **3 DMC 321 Red**
  Maple leaves and fallen leaf (darker), tongue
- **4 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Maple leaves and fallen leaf (lighter)
- **5 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Leaf veins, mouth and leaf stalks
- **6 DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray**
  Bodies, haunches and heads (shade 4 of 7), plinths (light) and 5 more parts
- **7 DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray**
  Plinths (dark), legs, bodies, heads and haunches (shade 2 of 7) and 3 more parts
- **8 DMC 3072 Very Light Beaver Gray**
  Heads, legs and bodies (shade 6 of 7), plinths and paws (lightest) and 3 more parts
- **9 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Mane ground (lighter), tails and lips (dark), brows (darker), eye edges and inner ears
- **10 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green**
  Bodies and heads (shade 3 of 7), tails (light), mane (dark) and 4 more parts
- **11 DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green**
  Heads, legs, haunches and bodies (shade 5 of 7), mane (light) and 6 more parts
- **12 DMC 712 Cream**
  Heads, bodies, haunches and legs (shade 7 of 7), eyes and 5 more parts
- **13 DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green** Brows (lighter)

Stitches, continued

7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Whisker dots

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.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

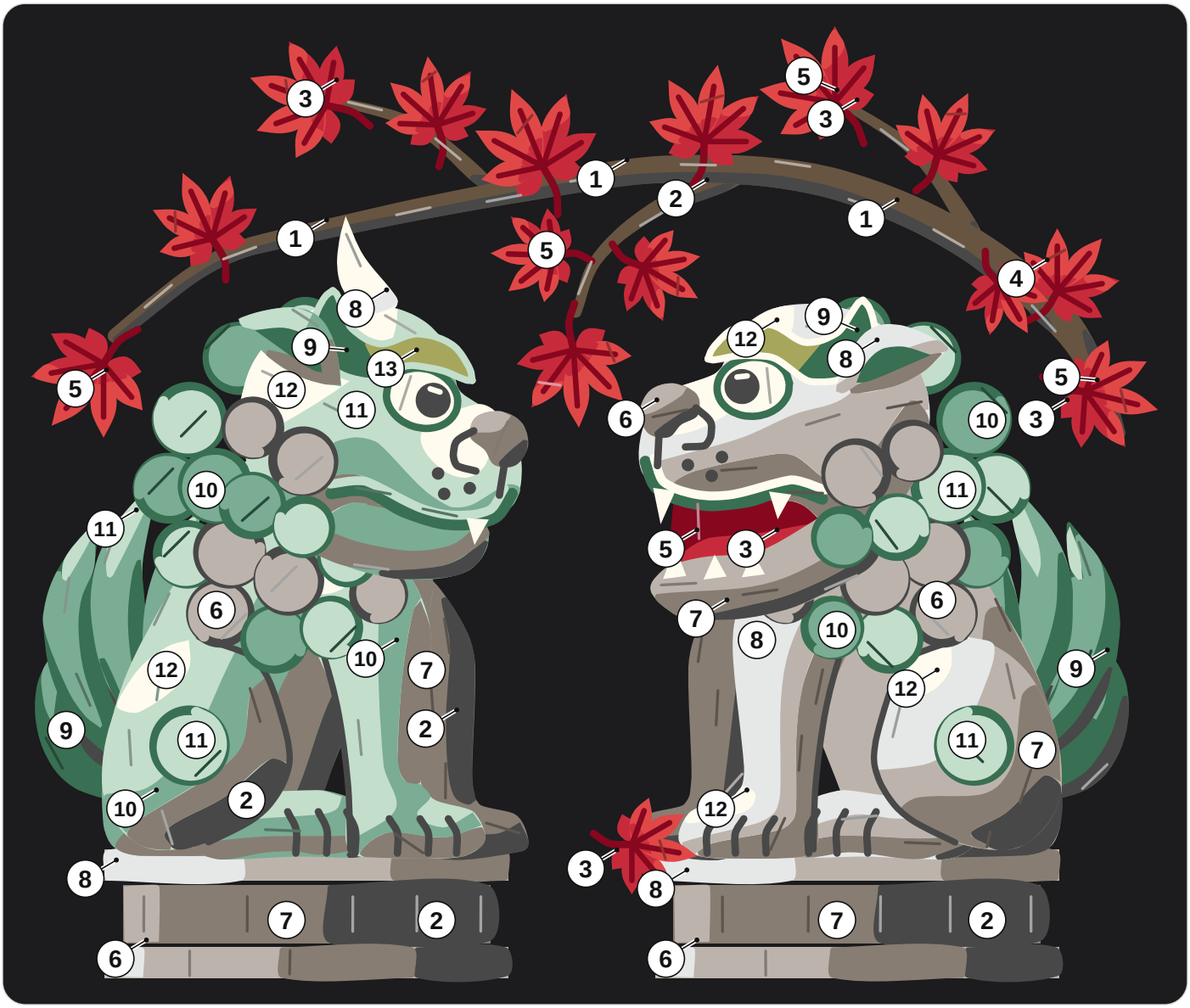
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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.

Each small ring is one French knot. 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

Stem stitch. 2 to 5 strands: lips; 4 strands: haunch spirals, mane; 2 strands: leaf stalks, toes, eye edges; 1 strand: brow edges.

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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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