Little fish cat bandana corner

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.9 in (12.2 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

24 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Cattail stems, lines of the waterweed

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Moon, plank, cat body, cat haunches, cat ears, cat head, cat tail, tail tip, fish bodies



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Reed leaves, cattail heads, posts, waterweed, ripples, ripple hearts, stripes, bandana, bandana knot, tail rings, fish tails, fish fins, fish bands, fish faces, eye whites, stars



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the posts, plank edge
   4 strands: border line
   3 strands: waterline

5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: cattail tips
   1 strand: whiskers, fin rays



6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: haunch lines
   2 strands: bandana folds, gills

7. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: plank grain, mouths
   2 strands: fish scales

8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: foam, eyes, fish spots, bubbles
   1 strand: bandana dots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 746 Off White	9	DMC 597 Turquoise	17	DMC 321 Red
2	DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold	10	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue	18	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
3	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	11	DMC 3865 Winter White	19	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
4	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	12	DMC 598 Light Turquoise	20	DMC 3340 Medium Apricot
5	DMC 3816 Celadon Green	13	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	21	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
6	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	14	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	22	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
7	DMC 437 Light Tan	15	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany	23	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
8	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	16	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	24	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise

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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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