Lynx cat portrait in thread painting

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.7 in (9.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: gray blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Shoulders, chest, ruff, ruff bars, ears, inner ears, ear tufts, ear fur, face, eyes, nose



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye rims, pupils, eye highlights, nose edge, nostrils



3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Mouth

4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Whiskers

5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Whisker spots, snow stars



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: 20 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each 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 gray blue 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 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	8	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	15	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood
2	DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray	9	DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray	16	DMC 3822 Light Straw
3	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	17	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
4	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	11	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	18	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 436 Tan	12	DMC 3072 Very Light Beaver Gray	19	DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood
6	DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige	13	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	20	DMC B5200 Snow White
7	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	14	DMC 310 Black		

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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



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