Mama bear

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.4 in (12.2 × 11.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 433; 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. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2
   Fireweed leaves



2. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
   1 strand: ground, cub tail, cub, cub legs, ears, mama's face, muzzle, nose, cub ears (color 16), cub's face, cub muzzle
   2 strands: far legs, legs, body, ruff



3. **Satin stitch**
   colors 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 18, 21, 22, 23
   2 strands: fireweed petals, eye rims, eyes, cub ears (color 9), cub nose, grass blades, butterfly, butterfly body
   1 strand: letters



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 7, 21
   Fireweed stems, grasses

5. **Split stitch**, colors 14, 18
   2 strands: mouth
   1 strand: eyelids

6. **Back stitch**, colors 10, 13, 18
   1 strand: cub mouth, feelers
   2 strands: cub eyes

7. **Straight stitch**
   colors 9, 13, 15, 16, 20
   2 strands: cub toes, claws, toes
   1 strand: nose highlight, eye highlight



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, color 20
   Daisies



9. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 3, 5, 6, 14, 22
   1 strand: fireweed centers, fireweed buds, butterfly spots
   2 strands: daisy centers



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

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops 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 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**9**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**17**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
2	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**10**	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**18**	DMC 310 Black
3	DMC 915 Dark Plum	**11**	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**19**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 3608 Very Light Plum	**12**	DMC 434 Light Brown	**20**	DMC 3865 Winter White
5	DMC 3607 Light Plum	**13**	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	**21**	DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige
6	DMC 718 Plum	**14**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	**22**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
7	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	**15**	DMC 437 Light Tan	**23**	DMC 3822 Light Straw
8	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	**16**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan		

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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 ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; 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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