Meow with a guilty tabby cat

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4 in (12.2 × 10.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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**, 1 strand
   Tail, body, paws, tulip, ears, head
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tabby stripes, shelf corbels, shelf, vase, vase mouth, water, water drops, inner ears, muzzle, nose, eye rims, eyes, pupils, bee wings, and 4 more
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Tulip leaves
4. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Outlines, vase, tulip edges, water edge, mouth, bee wings, words
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Shelf edge, toes, tulip stem, whiskers
6. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Bee path
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Eye lights, paw prints

Floss

- **1 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Tail and body (middle), head and paws (darker), ears
- **2 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray**
  Body and tail (dark), bee wings (darker)
- **3 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Head and paws (lighter), tail and body (light)
- **4 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Outlines, tabby stripes, eye rims and pupils, vase (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **5 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Bee path, shelf edge and shelf corbels
- **6 DMC 437 Light Tan** Shelf (lighter)
- **7 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Shelf (darker)
- **8 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Vase (light), bee
- **9 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Muzzle, whiskers and eye lights, vase (lightest), bee wings (lighter)
- **10 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Vase (dark)
- **11 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Words, water edge and vase mouth
- **12 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Tulip leaves (darker), tulip stem
- **13 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Tulip leaves (lighter)
- **14 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Tulip (middle), paw prints
- **15 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Tulip edges, tulip (dark), mouth (lighter)
- **16 DMC 352 Light Coral**
  Inner ears and nose, tulip (light)
- **17 DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Water and water drops
- **18 DMC 3819 Light Moss Green** Eyes

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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 dashed line is running stitch. 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

Split stitch. 2 strands: words; 1 or 2 strands: outlines, mouth; 1 strand: vase, tulip edges, water edge, bee wings.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: tulip stem; 2 strands: shelf edge, whiskers; 1 strand: toes.

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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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