Mother sloth hugging her baby

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.6 in (11.4 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, trunk, mother fur, baby fur, faces, orchid petals, orchid buds
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye stripes, noses, claws, orchid lips, orchid throats
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, orchid stalk, closed eyes, smiles
5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Bark lines
6. **Outline stitch**, 2 strands
   Smiles
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Orchid throats, fireflies

Floss

- **1 DMC 712 Cream**
  Faces (light), moon and claws, orchid throats (lighter)
- **2 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green**
  Leaves (lightest), leaf veins
- **3 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green** Leaves (darkest)
- **4 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Leaves (dark)
- **5 DMC 502 Blue Green** Leaves (light), orchid stalk
- **6 DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray** Trunk (light)
- **7 DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray**
  Mother fur and trunk (darkest), bark lines (lighter)
- **8 DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown**
  Trunk (dark), baby fur (darkest)
- **9 DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray**
  Mother fur (middle light), trunk (lightest)
- **10 DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green** Bark lines (darker)
- **11 DMC 640 Very Dark Beige Gray**
  Mother fur (middle dark)
- **12 DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray** Mother fur (dark)
- **13 DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray** Mother fur (light)
- **14 DMC 822 Light Beige Gray**
  Mother fur and baby fur (lightest), faces (middle)
- **15 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Baby fur (light), faces (dark)
- **16 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Baby fur (dark), eye stripes (darker)
- **17 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Baby fur (middle), eye stripes (lighter)
- **18 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Noses, closed eyes and smiles
- **19 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Orchid petals and orchid buds (dark)
- **20 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Orchid petals and orchid buds (darkest), orchid lips
- **21 DMC 352 Light Coral**
  Orchid petals and orchid buds (light)
- **22 DMC 353 Peach** Orchid petals and orchid buds (lightest)
- **23 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Fireflies, orchid throats (darker)

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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7	DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray	15	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	23	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: orchid stalk, closed eyes; 2 strands: leaf veins, smiles.
French knot. 2 strands: fireflies; 1 strand: orchid throats.

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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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