Ninja cat on a bamboo pole

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.3 in (10.9 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green 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
   Bamboo pole, tail, fish, far legs, body, hind leg, front leg, cowl, headband tails, ears, face, cowl wrap
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bamboo joints, pole ends, stripes, fish tail, fish fins, fish eye, paws, inner ears, eye edges, eyes, pupils, eye lights, headband, headband knot
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Bamboo leaves
4. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold stud, headband knot
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bamboo edge, cat outline, fish outline, fish gill, cowl outline, headband outline
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf twigs, bamboo leaves, cowl folds, whiskers
7. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Cord
8. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Cord, fish tail, toes
9. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Fish scales
10. **French knot**
    strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Fish eye, eye lights

Floss

- **1 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Bamboo pole and bamboo leaves (lightest), bamboo joints
- **2 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Bamboo edge, bamboo pole and bamboo leaves (darkest)
- **3 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Bamboo pole and bamboo leaves (dark), leaf twigs
- **4 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Bamboo pole and bamboo leaves (light)
- **5 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Paws (darker), pole ends
- **6 DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold**
  Tail, body, hind leg and ears (light), front leg (middle), face (darker)
- **7 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Cat outline, stripes and toes, body, ears, tail and hind leg (darkest)
- **8 DMC 922 Light Copper** Body, hind leg, ears and tail (dark)
- **9 DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold**
  Body, hind leg, ears and tail (middle), front leg (dark)
- **10 DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold**
  Face (lighter), front leg (light), hind leg, tail, ears and body (lightest), gold stud
- **11 DMC 336 Navy Blue** Cowl (middle), cowl wrap (dark), cord
- **12 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Inner ears and fish (dark), fish tail (darker), fish outline and fish fins
- **13 DMC 352 Light Coral** Fish and inner ears (light), fish tail (lighter)
- **14 DMC 351 Coral** Fish and inner ears (middle)
- **15 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Paws and fish eye (lighter), whiskers, fish scales, eye lights and fish gill
- **16 DMC 310 Black** Eye edges and pupils, fish eye (darker)
- **17 DMC 921 Copper** Far legs
- **18 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Cowl (dark), cowl outline, cowl wrap (darkest)
- **19 DMC 321 Red** Headband tails (lighter), headband and headband knot
- **20 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Headband outline, headband tails (darker)
- **21 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue** Cowl and cowl wrap (light)
- **22 DMC 912 Light Emerald Green** Eyes (lighter)
- **23 DMC 909 Very Dark Emerald Green** Eyes (darker)
- **24 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue** Cowl folds, cowl wrap (lightest)

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 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. 3 strands: cat outline; 2 or 3 strands: cowl outline; 1 to 3 strands: bamboo edge; 2 strands: fish outline, fish gill; 1 or 2 strands: headband outline.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: leaf twigs; 2 strands: cowl folds; 1 strand: bamboo leaves, whiskers.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: cord; 2 strands: toes; 1 strand: fish tail.
French knot. 2 strands: fish eye; 1 strand: eye lights.

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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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