Papa bear

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
   Moon, spruces, grassy rise, cub, cub ears, cub head, muzzles, inner ears, papa, papa ears, papa head



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 16
   Noses, eyes, letters



3. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, color 3
   Moon edge

4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 5
   Star lines

5. **Straight stitch**, color 4
   1 strand: lines of the pole star, edges of the noses
   2 strands: eye highlights, claws



6. **Stem stitch**, colors 6, 15, 16, 20
   1 strand: mouths, eyelids, flower stems
   2 strands: grasses

7. **Lazy daisy stitch**
   2 strands, colors 21, 22
   Lupines



8. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 4, 5
   3 strands: dipper stars
   2 strands: knots of the pole star
   1 strand: small stars



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

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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 745 Light Pale Yellow	**9**	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	**17**	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige	**10**	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**18**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
3	DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige	**11**	DMC 3826 Golden Brown	**19**	DMC 433 Medium Brown
4	DMC 746 Off White	**12**	DMC 436 Tan	**20**	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**13**	DMC 437 Light Tan	**21**	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue
6	DMC 502 Blue Green	**14**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	**22**	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet
7	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	**15**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan		
8	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	**16**	DMC 3371 Black Brown		

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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 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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