Pirate cutlass bookmark

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2 × 4.8 in (5.1 × 12.2 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. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon, stars, cutting edge, grip, knuckle bow, collar, shell guard, rope border
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Blade, waves, tentacle skin, tentacle underside, front swell
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Suckers, pommel
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Blade line, tentacle edge, hilt edge, sucker rings, shell edge
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Fuller, foam

Floss

- **1 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Rope border and shell guard (lighter), moon, stars and collar
- **2 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Blade (middle)
- **3 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Blade (dark), blade line (darker), fuller
- **4 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Blade (light)
- **5 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Cutting edge, suckers and foam, blade line (lighter)
- **6 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Waves and front swell (dark)
- **7 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Front swell and waves (middle)
- **8 DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Waves and front swell (light)
- **9 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Tentacle skin (dark), sucker rings, tentacle edge (lighter)
- **10 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Tentacle skin (darkest), tentacle edge (darker)
- **11 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Tentacle skin (light)
- **12 DMC 3824 Light Apricot** Tentacle underside
- **13 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Grip
- **14 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Hilt edge and shell edge
- **15 DMC 352 Light Coral** Tentacle skin (lightest)
- **16 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Rope border and shell guard (darker), knuckle bow and pommel

Stitches, continued

6. **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
   Suckers

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: foam; 2 strands: fuller.

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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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