Pumpkin sketch in loose lines

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.1 in (11.2 × 10.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Pumpkin outline
- **2 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin**
  Rust lines (light)
- **3 DMC 921 Copper**
  Rust lines (dark)
- **4 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Rust lines (lightest)
- **5 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Rust lines (darkest)
- **6 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaf veins (lighter), stem ridges (light), cut end of stem
- **7 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaf veins (darker), tendril, stem (lighter), stem ridges (middle)
- **8 DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green**
  Leaf edge and leaf stalk, stem (darker), stem ridges (dark)
- **9 DMC 640 Very Dark Beige Gray**
  Ground shadow

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cut end of stem
2. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pumpkin outline, rust lines, leaf edge, ground shadow
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stem, stem ridges, leaf stalk, tendril, leaf veins

What you need

Intermediate. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3, size 5 for 4 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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.

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 to 4 strands: pumpkin outline; 3 strands: leaf edge; 2 or 3 strands: rust lines; 2 strands: ground shadow.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: leaf stalk; 2 or 3 strands: stem, tendril; 2 strands: leaf veins; 1 or 2 strands: stem ridges.

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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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