# Raccoon on a mossy log

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4 in (12.2 × 10.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

## 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.

## Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 21 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

## Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the ferns
   3 strands: bramble cane



2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Ferns (colors 1, 2 and 3), fallen leaves, bramble leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Log bark, cut end, moss, tail, hind leg, reaching leg, paws, body, haunch, foreleg, ears, head, pale fur, mask, snail, snail shell



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ferns (color 2), blackberries, eyes, nose



5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the ferns, berry caps
   1 strand: berry highlights, claws, eye highlights



6. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: bark lines
   1 strand: cut end rings (color 6), edges of the ears, whiskers, mouth



7. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the fallen leaves, edges of the bramble leaves, lines of the snail horns, lines of the snail shell
   2 strands: cut end rings (colors 10, 12 and 13)
   3 strands: edges of the log bark



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: knots of the blackberries, knots of the moss
   1 strand: knots of the snail horns



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.



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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.




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| 1 | DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green | 8 | DMC 3834 Dark Grape | 15 | DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray |
| 2 | DMC 937 Medium Avocado Green | 9 | DMC 3865 Winter White | 16 | DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray |
| 3 | DMC 470 Light Avocado Green | 10 | DMC 433 Medium Brown | 17 | DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray |
| 4 | DMC 922 Light Copper | 11 | DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown | 18 | DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray |
| 5 | DMC 919 Red Copper | 12 | DMC 435 Very Light Brown | 19 | DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray |
| 6 | DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown | 13 | DMC 437 Light Tan | 20 | DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown |
| 7 | DMC 154 Very Dark Grape | 14 | DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green | 21 | DMC 3024 Very Light Brown Gray |



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**6 inch hoop**

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 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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