Rainbow chameleon and orchids

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4.8 in (9.9 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black 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
   Leaves, orchid sepals, orchid petals, orchid lips, orchid buds, head
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail, orchid stem, orchid hearts, far legs, feet, satin bands, near legs, eye turret
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, bud seams
4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain bands, eye ring, casque stripes
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Outline, mouth
6. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Herringbone bands
7. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
   Feather bands
8. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eye light, nostril
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Orchid hearts, knot bands, crest

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Orchid stem (lighter), leaves (light), leaf veins
- **2 DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green** Leaves (dark)
- **3 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green** Orchid stem (darker), leaves (middle)
- **4 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Tail and feet (dark), far legs
- **5 DMC 943 Medium Aquamarine**
  Tail (middle), satin bands (middle dark), outline and crest (shade 2 of 7)
- **6 DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise**
  Tail (light), satin bands (lightest), outline and crest (shade 5 of 7)
- **7 DMC 3607 Light Plum**
  Orchid sepals and orchid petals (middle), head and orchid lips (light) and 1 more part
- **8 DMC 915 Dark Plum**
  Orchid sepals and head (darkest), orchid lips and eye turret (dark) and 4 more parts
- **9 DMC 917 Medium Plum**
  Orchid lips (middle), orchid sepals, head and orchid petals (dark) and 1 more part
- **10 DMC 3608 Very Light Plum**
  Orchid sepals and orchid petals (light), orchid buds (middle) and 2 more parts
- **11 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink**
  Orchid petals (lightest), orchid hearts (lighter), eye ring and 4 more parts
- **12 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Satin bands (middle light), outline and crest (shade 3 of 7), orchid hearts (darker)
- **13 DMC 3341 Apricot**
  Near legs and chain bands (darker), satin bands (light), feet (middle) and 2 more parts
- **14 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Satin bands (dark), crest and outline (shade 1 of 7)
- **15 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Feather bands, herringbone bands and knot bands (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **16 DMC 964 Light Seagreen**
  Near legs and chain bands (lighter), feet (light) and 4 more parts

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: mouth; 2 strands: outline.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: nostril; 1 strand: eye light.

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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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