Realistic cats eating at a table

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 3.8 in (11.4 × 9.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

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: 23 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 sage green cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Daisy stem
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Kitten, tabby coat, black and white coat, tablecloth, tabletop, jug, dishes, tabby paws, tabby ears, inner ears, tabby face, eyes (color 19), tongue (color 5), white paw, black ears, black and white face
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Chair spindles, chair backs, kitten ears, jug handle, jug rim, daisy center, dish insides, fish tail, ear fur, eye rims, pupils, eye highlights, nose, mouth, tongue (color 1), eyes (color 23)
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Daisy leaves
5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the chair backs, lines of the tongue
   2 strands: table edge, lines of the mouth
   3 strands: blue rims
6. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Scalloped edge
7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: kitten stripes, lines of the daisy petals, lines of the ear fur, edges of the eye highlights
   1 strand: fish tail lines, toes
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Whiskers, edges of the white paw, eyelid
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Loops of the daisy petals
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Raised dots
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Knots of the daisy center, food

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 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	9	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	17	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
2	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood	10	DMC 437 Light Tan	18	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green
3	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	11	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	19	DMC 3364 Pine Green
4	DMC 3826 Golden Brown	12	DMC 310 Black	20	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
5	DMC 760 Salmon	13	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	21	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue
6	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	14	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	22	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
7	DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray	15	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	23	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
8	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	16	DMC 3865 Winter White		

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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.



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