Rhino in a fine line

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



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

16 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: folds of the hide
   1 strand: grass stems

2. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Shading lines

3. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Bird feet, seed heads



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ear hollows, eye, nostril, bird tail, bird bill, bird eye, grass



5. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bird breast, bird head, bird wing, flower petals



6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: sun (color 1), ring, rhino outline, horns, ears, eye folds (color 2), flower stems
   1 strand: muzzle lines (color 2), cheek, lines of the bird wing

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Sun (color 1), horn lines, eye folds (color 3), muzzle lines (color 3)

8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: eye highlight
   1 strand: petal marks



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Flower centers



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 783 Medium Topaz	**7**	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	**13**	DMC 3364 Pine Green
2	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	**8**	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	**14**	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice
3	DMC 645 Very Dark Beaver Gray	**9**	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	**15**	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice
4	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**10**	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	**16**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
5	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	**11**	DMC 833 Light Golden Olive		
6	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	**12**	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green		

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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

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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