Scottie dog in a plaid scarf

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.4 in (11.2 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 310; one of each other 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21
   Chest and shoulders, neck, snowdrift, cheek, ears, head, eyes, beard, muzzle, moustache, nose, brows



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Scarf, eye rims, pupils, nostrils



3. **Split stitch**
   colors 1, 4, 14, 18, 19, 20
   3 strands: mouth
   2 strands: nose line
   1 or 2 strands: fold lines
   1 strand: mustard lines, eyes, beard, cheek

4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 8, 10, 11, 14
   Fringe

5. **French knot**, two wraps, color 15
   2 strands: snowflakes
   1 or 2 strands: snowdrift
   1 strand: eye highlights



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.



1	DMC 310 Black	8	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	15	DMC BLANC White
2	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	9	DMC 469 Avocado Green	16	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet
3	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	10	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	17	DMC 156 Medium Light Blue Violet
4	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	11	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	18	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
5	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet	12	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet	19	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
6	DMC 779 Dark Cocoa	13	DMC 3836 Light Grape	20	DMC 434 Light Brown
7	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	14	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	21	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue

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



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