Scottish Terrier portrait with thistles

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.4 in (10.7 × 11.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of sage green cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

19 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 310 and 2 of DMC 3799; 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. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Thistle stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Thistle leaves, thistle tufts, thistle cups, neck and chest, ears, brows, head, cheek, inner ears, beard, muzzle, moustache



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: collar, mouth, nostrils, eye rim
   1 strand: nose, eye, pupil



4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Collar checks (color 9)

5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: leaf ribs, nose groove
   1 strand: edges of the eye rim

6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: thistle scales, collar checks (color 9)
   3 strands: eye highlight



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 3363 Medium Pine Green	8	DMC 3608 Very Light Plum	15	DMC 779 Dark Cocoa
2	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	9	DMC 153 Very Light Violet	16	DMC 3861 Light Cocoa
3	DMC 3364 Pine Green	10	DMC 310 Black	17	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	11	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	18	DMC 433 Medium Brown
5	DMC 553 Violet	12	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	19	DMC 3865 Winter White
6	DMC 552 Medium Violet	13	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray		
7	DMC 550 Very Dark Violet	14	DMC 415 Pearl Gray		

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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 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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