Sheltie with heather

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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: teal 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
   White ruff, sable mane, far ear, ear tufts, face, muzzle, cheek, brow, near ear
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Nose, eye rim, eye, pupil, heather bells
3. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Ring
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Ring, mouth, heather stems
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   White ruff, sable mane
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Mouth, nose light, needle leaves
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye light, heather buds

Floss

- **1 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Ring
- **2 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  White ruff (dark), muzzle (darkest), nose light
- **3 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  White ruff (darkest)
- **4 DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet**
  White ruff (middle), ear tufts (darker), muzzle (dark)
- **5 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Sable mane, far ear, face and near ear (dark), cheek (darkest)
- **6 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Sable mane, face, near ear and far ear (darkest)
- **7 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Sable mane and near ear (middle dark), far ear (light), face (middle), cheek (dark), eye
- **8 DMC 712 Cream**
  White ruff and muzzle (lightest), ear tufts (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  White ruff and muzzle (light), eye light
- **10 DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown**
  Sable mane and near ear (middle light), face (light), cheek (middle), far ear (lightest)
- **11 DMC 977 Light Golden Brown**
  Face (lightest), sable mane, cheek and near ear (light)
- **12 DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown**
  Sable mane, near ear and cheek (lightest), brow
- **13 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Eye rim, nose, mouth and pupil
- **14 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Needle leaves (dark), heather stems (darker)
- **15 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Heather stems (lighter), needle leaves (middle)
- **16 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Needle leaves (light)
- **17 DMC 552 Medium Violet** Heather bells (darkest)
- **18 DMC 553 Violet** Heather bells (dark)
- **19 DMC 554 Light Violet** Heather bells (light)
- **20 DMC 3609 Ultra Light Plum**
  Heather buds, heather bells (lightest)

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. 1 or 2 strands: mouth, heather stems; 1 strand: ring.
French knot. 2 strands: heather buds; 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

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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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