Shiba Inu asleep on a step

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

24 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**
   3 strands: stems
   2 strands: chime cord

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, hydrangea shade, wind chime, tread, step edge, riser, body, belly, tail lining, tail, haunch, hind paw, front paws, ears, ear lining, head, cheeks, muzzle



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Chime fish, paper strip, brow spots, closed eyes, nose, snail, snail shell



4. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: board lines, snail edge
   1 strand: coat lines, paw lines (color 13)

5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: paw lines (color 9)
   1 strand: nose highlight



6. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the leaves
   2 strands: edges of the wind chime, paw lines (color 9), mouth, snail horns, snail shell line
   4 strands: border

7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Hydrangea florets, fallen florets



8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Floret eyes



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops 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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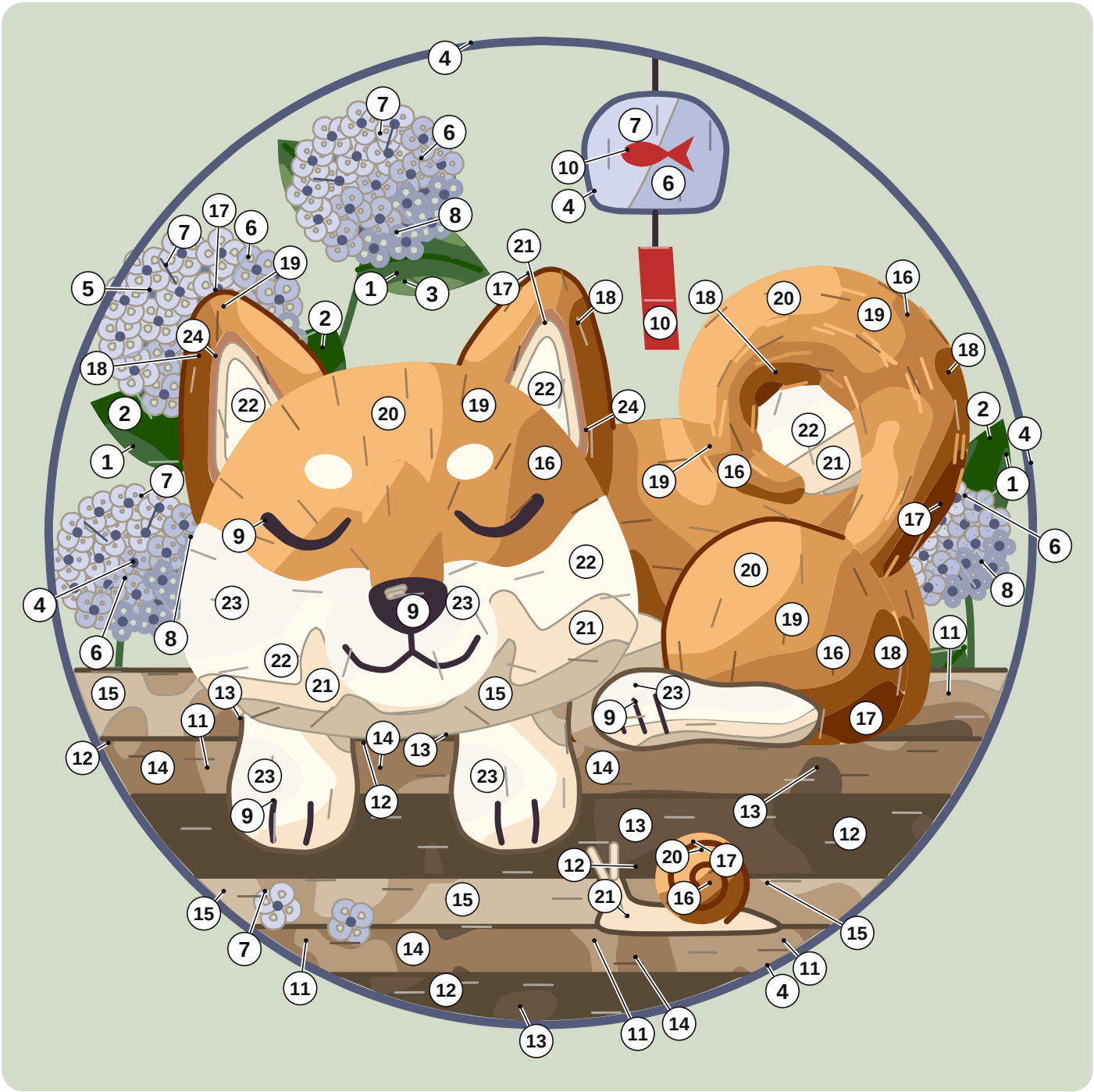
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	9	DMC 3371 Black Brown	17	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
2	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	10	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	18	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown
3	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	11	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	19	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown
4	DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue	12	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown	20	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown
5	DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue	13	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	21	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
6	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	14	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	22	DMC 712 Cream
7	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	15	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	23	DMC 3865 Winter White
8	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	16	DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown	24	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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