Sleeping fox Christmas ornament

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Candy twist band, holly leaves, berries, haunch flower, inner ears, ear tips, nose
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Body, haunch, brush tip, brush, front paws, ears, face, cheeks
3. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Inner ring
4. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Outer ring
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Holly stem, holly veins, closed eyes
6. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Holly edges, outline, white lines
7. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Berries, haunch flower, toes, lashes
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Haunch flower

Floss

- **1 DMC 321 Red**
  Candy twist band, berries (darker), haunch flower (darkest)
- **2 DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Inner ring, nose, closed eyes and lashes
- **3 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Outer ring
- **4 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Front paws (darker), holly stem and ear tips
- **5 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Holly leaves (lighter)
- **6 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Holly leaves (darker), holly edges
- **7 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue** Holly veins
- **8 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Cheeks, brush tip and white lines, haunch flower (lightest), berries (lighter)
- **9 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Body, brush, haunch and face (dark), ears (darker)
- **10 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Outline, body, brush and haunch (darkest)
- **11 DMC 921 Copper**
  Body, brush and haunch (light), face (middle), ears (lighter)
- **12 DMC 922 Light Copper**
  Brush, haunch and body (lightest), face (light), toes
- **13 DMC 761 Light Salmon** Haunch flower (light)
- **14 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Haunch flower (dark)
- **15 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Front paws (lighter)
- **16 DMC 760 Salmon** Inner ears

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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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2	DMC 336 Navy Blue	**8**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**14**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
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4	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**10**	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	**16**	DMC 760 Salmon
5	DMC 3364 Pine Green	**11**	DMC 921 Copper		
6	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	**12**	DMC 922 Light Copper		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: closed eyes; 3 strands: holly stem; 1 strand: holly veins.
Split stitch. 3 strands: white lines; 1 or 2 strands: outline; 1 strand: holly edges.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: lashes; 1 strand: berries, haunch flower, toes.

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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

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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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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