Small alligator face pocket peeker

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.7 in (11.4 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 895 and 2 of DMC 3345; 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Pocket stripe lines

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pocket stripes, pocket hem, claws, neck bumps, teeth, lip, nostrils, scutes, pupils, eyelids, ladybug head, ladybug



3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: paws, lower jaw, face, bridge, nose, nostril mounds, eye mounds
   1 strand: eyes



4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Pocket edge

5. **Split stitch**
   3 strands: outline
   1 strand: claw edges
   2 strands: bridge edge, lip line, nose edge, scale marks

6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Ladybug legs



7. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the ladybug spots

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Eye highlight, knots of the ladybug spots



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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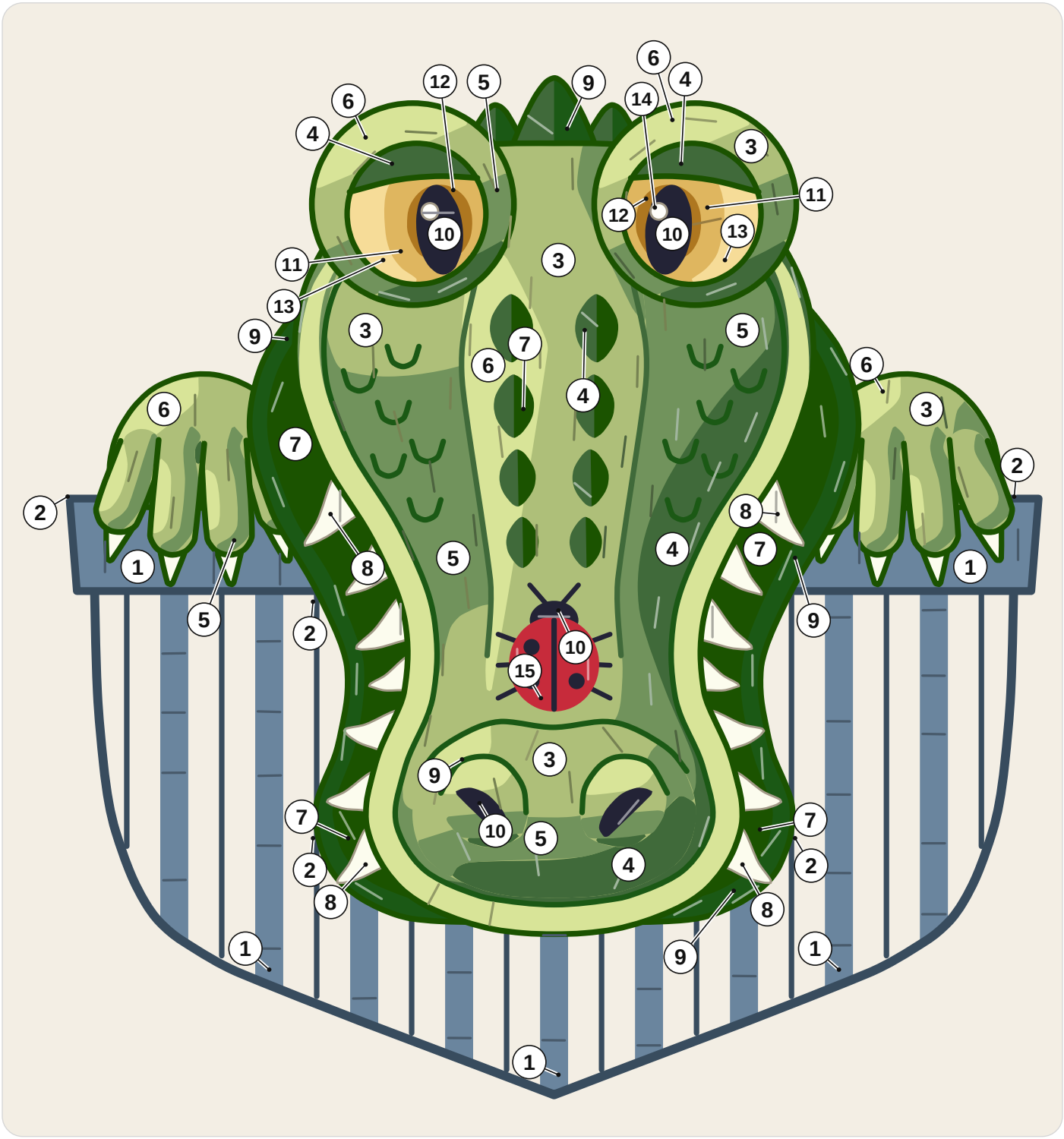
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	6	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	11	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	7	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	12	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
3	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	8	DMC 746 Off White	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw
4	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	9	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	14	DMC BLANC White
5	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	10	DMC 310 Black	15	DMC 321 Red

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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.



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25.4 mm

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