Small ladybug on skis

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 3.9 in (10.2 × 9.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pole baskets, skis, legs, boots, boot cuffs, arms, pole handles, mittens, mitten cuffs, spots, scarf, scarf knot, eyes, pupils, cheeks, hat brim
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Belly, head
3. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Snow, snow shadow, shell, hat
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Snow curls, poles, wing line, spots, shell edge, smile, feelers, hat edge
5. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Scarf fringe, snowflakes
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Eye lights, snowflakes
7. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Pompoms

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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.

Floss

- 1 **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Snow, eyes, snowflakes, snow curls and eye lights
- 2 **DMC 3755 Baby Blue** Snow shadow
- 3 **DMC 640 Very Dark Beige Gray** Poles
- 4 **DMC 3821 Straw**
  Hat brim, pole handles and pole baskets
- 5 **DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Skis
- 6 **DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Head (middle), spots, arms, legs, wing line and feelers
- 7 **DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Boots, mittens, hat edge and scarf knot, hat (darker)
- 8 **DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Pompoms, boot cuffs, mitten cuffs, cheeks and smile
- 9 **DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray** Belly (darker)
- 10 **DMC 318 Light Steel Gray** Belly (lighter)
- 11 **DMC 351 Coral** Shell (light)
- 12 **DMC 321 Red** Shell (middle)
- 13 **DMC 498 Dark Red** Shell (dark), shell edge
- 14 **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Scarf and scarf fringe, hat (lighter)
- 15 **DMC 310 Black** Head (dark), pupils
- 16 **DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray** Head (light)

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 3755 Baby Blue	8	DMC 3705 Dark Melon	14	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
3	DMC 640 Very Dark Beige Gray	9	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	15	DMC 310 Black
4	DMC 3821 Straw	10	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	16	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray
5	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	11	DMC 351 Coral		
6	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	12	DMC 321 Red		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: snow curls, poles, feelers; 3 strands: wing line, spots, shell edge, smile, hat edge.

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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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