Small ninja sketch with a red scarf

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 3.6 in (10.7 × 9.1 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.

7 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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
   Leg wraps, shoes, wrist wraps, hands, sash, sword grip, sword blade, sword guard, scarf knot, face, hood, eye



2. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands, color 2
   Scarf fringe



3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 3
   Scarf (color 3)



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 2, 3, 4
   2 strands: ground (color 1), edges of the leg wraps, trousers (color 4), edges of the wrist wraps, edges of the hands, sleeves (color 4), jacket, lines of the sword blade, edges of the eye
   3 strands: scarf (colors 2 and 3), brow

5. **Back stitch**, colors 1, 4
   2 strands: trousers (color 1), sleeves (color 1), ground (color 1)
   1 strand: lines of the hands, edges of the hood

6. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 4
   Knots of the eye



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 317 Pewter Gray
2 DMC 815 Medium Garnet
3 DMC 321 Red
4 DMC 310 Black
5 DMC 945 Tawny
6 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
7 DMC BLANC White

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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.



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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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