Snake question mark with a red apple

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.1 × 4.6 in (7.9 × 11.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moss bands, gold bands, bone bands, tail tip, eye rim, eye, apple light



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Head, jaw, apple



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Apple leaf



4. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Gold edge, cheek stripe, brow, apple stalk

5. **Straight stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Eye slit, nostril



Floss

- **1 DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray**
  Moss bands and head (light), bone bands and jaw (dark), apple leaf (lighter)
- **2 DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green**
  Moss bands and head (dark), apple leaf (darker), eye rim
- **3 DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray**
  Head and moss bands (middle), tail tip
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Gold bands, eye and cheek stripe
- **5 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Bone bands and jaw (light), apple light
- **6 DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown**
  Bone bands and jaw (middle)
- **7 DMC 680 Dark Old Gold**
  Gold edge, brow, apple stalk and nostril
- **8 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Apple (darkest), eye slit
- **9 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Apple (dark)
- **10 DMC 321 Red**
  Apple (light)
- **11 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Apple (lightest)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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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How to read it

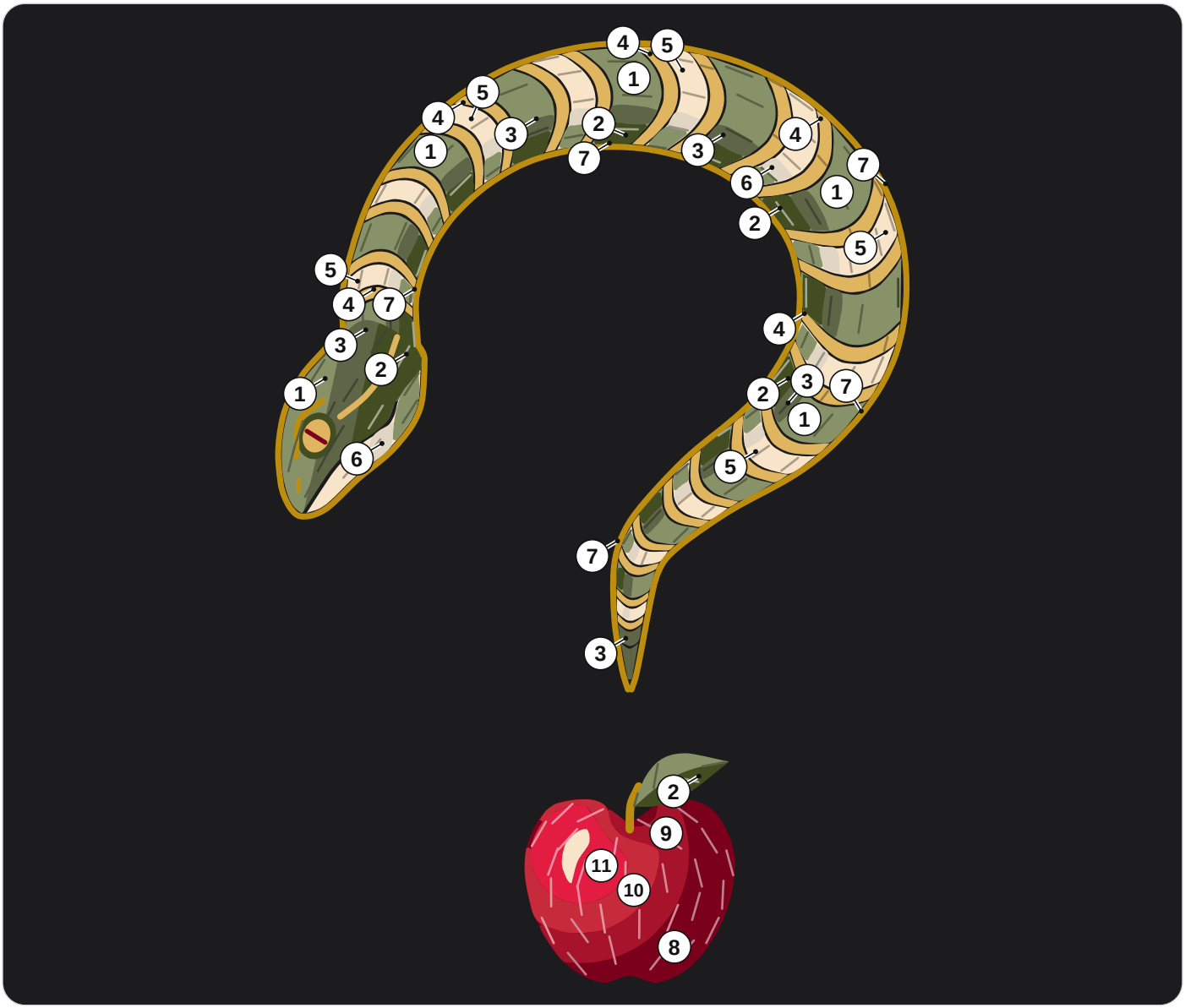
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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.

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: apple stalk; 2 strands: gold edge, cheek stripe, brow.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: eye slit; 1 strand: nostril.

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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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