Sugar skull dog with a marigold collar

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.6 × 3.6 in (9.1 × 9.1 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sprig leaves, far front leg, haunch flower, shoulder flower, nose, eye petals, eye, iris, pupil, cheek heart, fallen petal
2. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Tail, body, hind foot, front leg, haunch, head, ear
3. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Rim
4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Sprig stems, leg vine
5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail, far front leg, body, hind foot, front leg, haunch, head, ear
6. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Back band, rib band, chest band, haunch band, ear band
7. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Rib petals, toes, eye light, petal lights

Floss

- **1 DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse**
  Sprig stems, sprig leaves, vine leaves and leg vine
- **2 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin**
  Marigold collar, marigolds and fallen petal, tail bands (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Marigold hearts, ear vine, flower hearts, iris and petal lights
- **4 DMC 712 Cream**
  Body, head, tail, haunch, front leg, rim knots, hind foot and eye light
- **5 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Far front leg
- **6 DMC 351 Coral**
  Rim, haunch band, shoulder flower, back band, rib petals and cheek heart
- **7 DMC 600 Very Dark Cranberry**
  Ear, rib band, haunch knots and toes, tail bands and icing dots (darker)
- **8 DMC 604 Light Cranberry**
  Eye petals, haunch flower and ear band
- **9 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Eye, nose, mouth and pupil

Stitches, continued

8. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail bands
9. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouth
10. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
    Ear vine
11. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Rib petals, vine leaves
12. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Marigolds, marigold hearts, marigold buds, shoulder knots, haunch knots, flower hearts, icing dots, marigold collar, rim knots

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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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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: tail, body, hind foot, front leg, haunch, head; 1 strand: ear.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: eye light; 1 strand: rib petals, toes, petal lights.
French knot. 2 strands: marigolds, marigold hearts, marigold buds, haunch knots, flower hearts, marigold collar; 1 strand: shoulder knots, icing dots, rim knots.

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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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