Swirly cat in chain stitch curls

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.5 in (10.9 × 11.4 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 and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Paws, inner ears, muzzle, eyes, pupils, nose, flowers, butterfly, wing spots, butterfly body
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Face
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Chain stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Spine and tail, back, chest and far leg, haunch, front leg, ears, cheek coils, face edge, vine
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Paw edges, brow curls, muzzle edge, eye edges, mouth, whiskers, vine, wing edges, feelers
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Toes
7. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Flight

Floss

- **1 DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold**
  Spine and tail (lightest), butterfly (lighter), paws (darker) and 4 more parts
- **2 DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold**
  Face (middle), spine and tail and back (light), front leg (dark) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 921 Copper**
  Face, spine and tail, haunch, back and chest and far leg (dark), ears (middle)
- **4 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Haunch and spine and tail (darkest), face edge and wing edges and 7 more parts
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Paws (lighter), muzzle and whiskers, haunch and front leg (lightest) and 5 more parts
- **6 DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold**
  Face, haunch and front leg (light), chest and far leg (middle light)
- **7 DMC 3712 Medium Salmon**
  Flowers, nose, inner ears and wing spots
- **8 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown** Brow curls
- **9 DMC 907 Light Parrot Green** Eyes (middle)
- **10 DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green** Eyes (dark)
- **11 DMC 3819 Light Moss Green** Eyes (light)
- **12 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Eye edges, pupils and mouth
- **13 DMC 3849 Light Teal Green** Vine
- **14 DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green** Leaves (darker)
- **15 DMC 964 Light Seagreen** Leaves (lighter)
- **16 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Butterfly (darker), flower hearts

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye lights, flower hearts, feelers

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. A dashed line is running stitch. 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

Chain stitch. 3 strands: vine; 2 strands: spine and tail, back, chest and far leg, haunch, front leg, ears, cheek coils, face edge.
Stem stitch. 5 strands: brow curls; 3 strands: vine; 2 strands: paw edges, muzzle edge, eye edges, mouth, wing edges; 1 strand: whiskers, feelers.
French knot. 2 strands: flower hearts; 1 strand: eye lights, feelers.

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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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