Taurus zodiac sign

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.4 in (11.2 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

19 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3776; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19
   Shoulders, ears, horns, face, cheeks, chin, muzzle, nose, forelock, clover leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 13, 18
   Horn tips, nostrils, eyelids, eye rims, eye, grass, clover heads
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 2, 4, 5, 10
   Shoulders, horn grain
4. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 6, 9, 17, 18, 19
   2 strands: mouth, clover stems
   1 or 2 strands: eyelids
   1 strand: clover leaves
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, colors 9, 16
   Nose, star lines
6. **Straight stitch**, colors 15, 16, 19
   1 or 2 strands: horn stars
   1 strand: eye highlight, clover stems
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, colors 14, 16
   Clover heads
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, colors 15, 16
   Stars, Aldebaran, horn stars

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the shortest lazy daisy loops 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.

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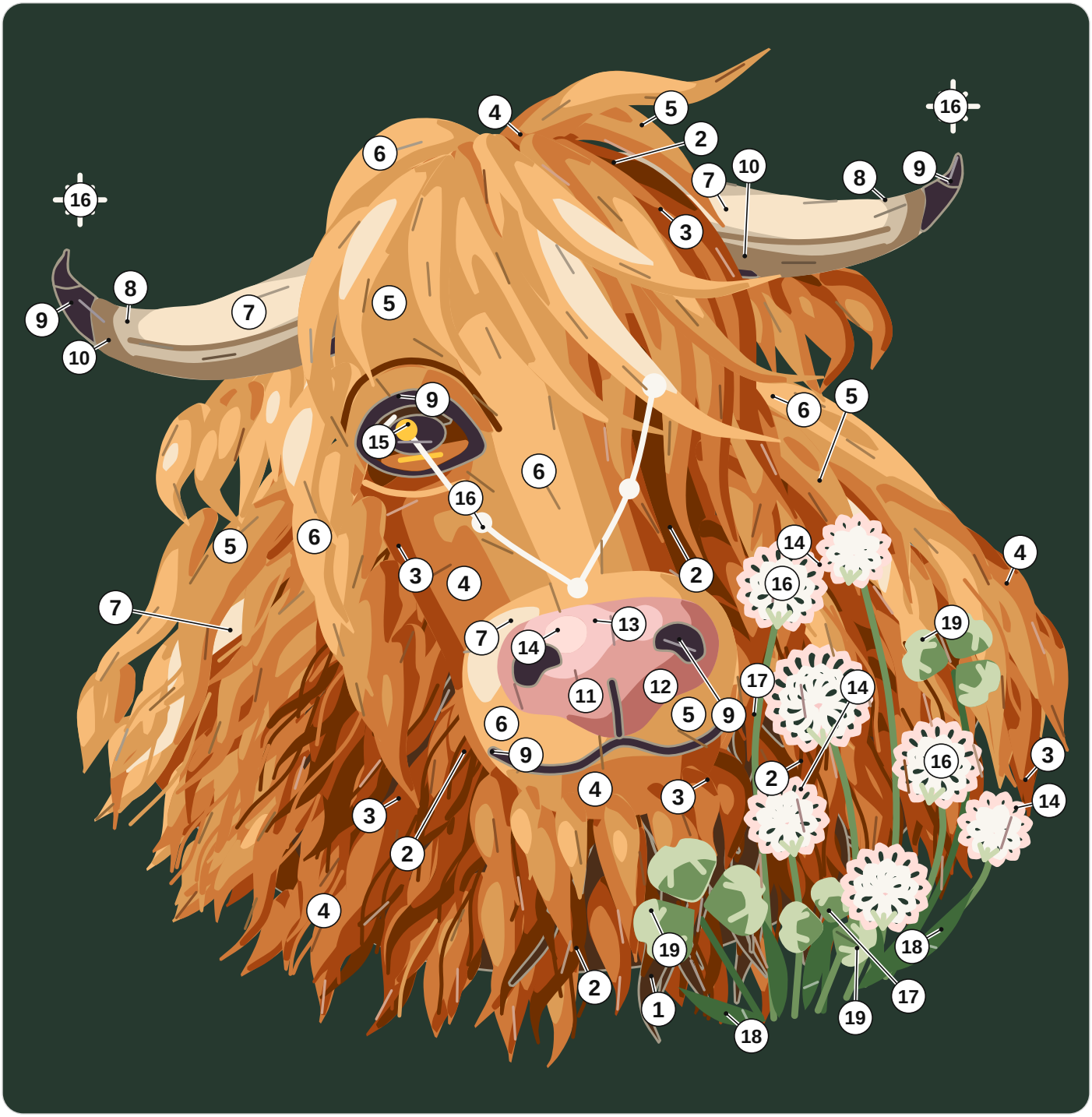
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	8	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	15	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz
2	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	9	DMC 3371 Black Brown	16	DMC 3865 Winter White
3	DMC 919 Red Copper	10	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	17	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
4	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	11	DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink	18	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
5	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown	12	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	19	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
6	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	13	DMC 3779 Very Light Rosewood		
7	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	14	DMC 818 Baby Pink		

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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; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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