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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.3 in (11.9 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bottom book, spine bands, spine lozenges, middle book, top book, bookmark, brass pot, handle, coffee, mug heart, steam, inner ears, nose
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Pages, mug, body, tail, haunch, paws, ears, head
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Book edges, page lines, stems, mug edges, closed eyes, words
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Page lines, book edges, bookmark, pot edges, mug edges, outline
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Toes, eye corners, whiskers
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouth
8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Spine leaves
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Spine knots, words

Floss

- 1 **DMC 3835 Medium Grape** Bottom book (lighter)
- 2 **DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Bottom book (darker), book edges (dark)
- 3 **DMC 833 Light Golden Olive**
  Spine bands, brass pot (light), spine knots (darker)
- 4 **DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink**
  Mug and bookmark (light), spine lozenges, spine knots and inner ears (lighter)
- 5 **DMC 712 Cream**
  Pages (lighter), head (lightest), spine leaves, whiskers and mug heart
- 6 **DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Body, haunch and tail (lightest), paws and head (light), pages (darker)
- 7 **DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Body, tail, ears and haunch (light), head (middle light), page lines, paws (middle)
- 8 **DMC 832 Golden Olive** Middle book, brass pot (middle)
- 9 **DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive**
  Book edges (light), pot edges, brass pot (dark)
- 10 **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Top book (lighter)
- 11 **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Top book (darker), book edges (middle)
- 12 **DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink**
  Mug and bookmark (middle), handle and nose, inner ears (darker)
- 13 **DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink** Mug edges, bookmark and mug (dark)
- 14 **DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green** Leaves (darker), stems
- 15 **DMC 3364 Pine Green** Leaves (lighter)
- 16 **DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown**
  Body, tail, haunch, ears and head (dark), coffee
- 17 **DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink** Steam
- 18 **DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Outline, closed eyes, mouth, toes and eye corners, body, haunch, tail and head (darkest)
- 19 **DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Haunch, body, ears and tail (middle), head (middle dark), paws (dark)
- 20 **DMC 311 Medium Navy Blue** Words

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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 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

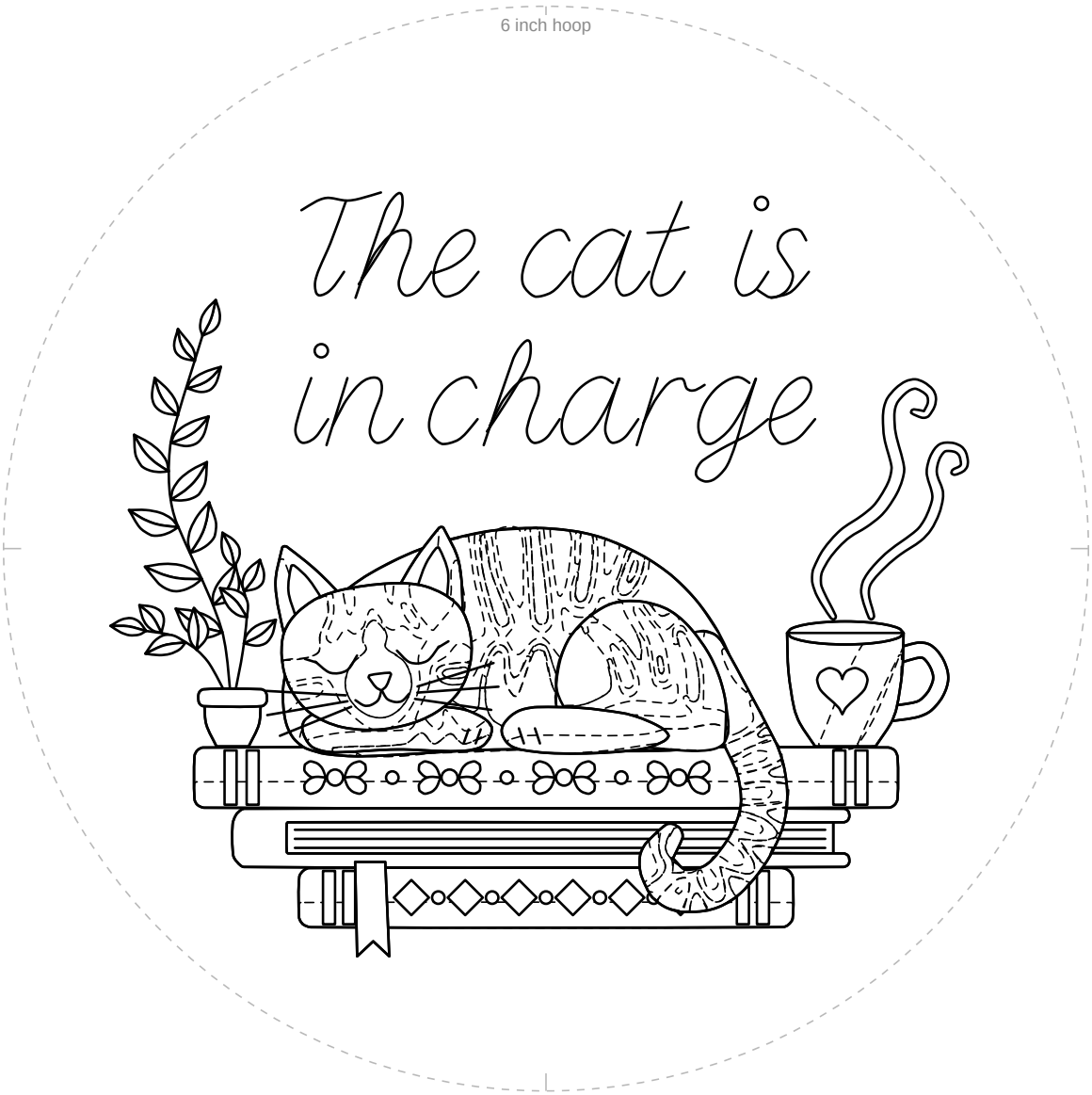
Stem stitch. 3 strands: closed eyes, words; 2 strands: book edges, page lines, stems, mug edges.
Split stitch. 2 strands: book edges; 1 strand: page lines, bookmark, pot edges, mug edges, outline.

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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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