Three crawfish in a ring

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green 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
   Tail fans, walking legs, claw arms, claws, tail rings, shells, hearts, daisy petals
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Long feelers, eye stalks
4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Edges, neck grooves
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain rows
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye lights
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Claw dots, tail knots, spine dots, eyes, daisy hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 321 Red**
  Claws, shells, tail fans and long feelers (middle), tail rings (dark) and 4 more parts
- **2 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Claws, shells, tail fans, tail rings and long feelers (light) and 4 more parts
- **3 DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve**
  Claws, shells, tail fans and long feelers (dark), tail rings (darkest) and 4 more parts
- **4 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Edges and neck grooves (middle)
- **5 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Daisy petals, chain rows, hearts, claw dots and eye lights, tail rings (lightest)
- **6 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Daisy hearts and spine dots
- **7 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Eyes
- **8 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Edges and neck grooves (light)
- **9 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Edges and neck grooves (dark)
- **10 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Leaves (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaves (darker)

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.

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: long feelers; 3 strands: eye stalks.

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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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