Tuxedo cat portrait with blossom

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.3 in (11.4 × 10.9 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. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Black coat, white bib, inner ears, white of face, ear hair, eyes, chin, muzzle, nose, fallen petal, twigs, branch, blossom petals, buds
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye rims, pupils, eye lights, petal shadow, sepals, branch end
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Nostrils, stamens
5. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouth
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Whiskers, petal edges
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Whisker dots, anthers

Floss

- **1 DMC 310 Black**
  Black coat (darkest), eye rims, petal shadow and pupils
- **2 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Black coat (middle light), branch (middle), inner ears (dark), mouth and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Branch (dark), black coat (middle dark), twigs (darker), inner ears (darkest)
- **4 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue** Black coat (dark)
- **5 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Black coat (light)
- **6 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue** Black coat (lightest)
- **7 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  White bib (lightest), white of face (light), whiskers and 3 more parts
- **8 DMC 452 Medium Shell Gray**
  White bib (darkest), ear hair (darker), branch end and whisker dots, branch (light)
- **9 DMC 453 Light Shell Gray**
  White bib, white of face and chin (dark), ear hair (lighter)
- **10 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink**
  Blossom petals and white bib (light), white of face (middle) and 3 more parts
- **11 DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Petal edges, inner ears (lightest), blossom petals (dark) and 3 more parts
- **12 DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Stamens, inner ears (light), buds and nose (dark), fallen petal (darkest)
- **13 DMC 3819 Light Moss Green** Eyes (light)
- **14 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Leaves (darker), sepals, eyes (dark)
- **15 DMC 733 Medium Olive Green**
  Leaves (lighter), eyes (middle)
- **16 DMC 3689 Light Mauve**
  Blossom petals (middle), nose, fallen petal and buds (light)
- **17 DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive** Anthers

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 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

Long and short stitch. 1 or 2 strands: white bib; 1 strand: black coat, inner ears, white of face, ear hair, eyes, chin, muzzle, nose, fallen petal, twigs, branch, blossom petals, buds.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: nostrils; 1 strand: stamens.

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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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