Zebra alphabet sampler, A to Z

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.4 in (9.7 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.

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 dashed line is running stitch.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 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 3, 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 2 and 3 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.

Floss

- **DMC 796 Dark Royal Blue**
  Letters, outline, stem stitch stripes, stripe edges and clover leaves and 15 more parts
- **DMC 321 Red**
  Clover blooms

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Clover leaves, hooves, tail tuft, leg rings, mane, ears, muzzle, eye, face stripes
2. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: face stripes
   2 to 4 strands: outline
   3 strands: ground
   2 or 3 strands: clover stems
   2 strands: stem stitch stripes
3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain stitch stripes
4. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Stripe edges, letters
5. **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Herringbone stripes
6. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Running stitch stripes
7. **Feather stitch**, 3 strands
   Feather stitch stripes
8. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyelashes
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Clover blooms
10. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Clover blooms

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6 inch hoop

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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