Balkan folk dancers hand in hand

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.2 in (11.4 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Ground, flower stalks, hems, outlines, trouser braid, vest seams, vine, leaf veins, grape stalks
- **Chain stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Ground, chain bands, vest seams, cap
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Grass, shawl fringe, eyes, leaf veins
- **French knot**, 1 to 3 strands, two wraps
  Meadow flowers, knots, curls, flowers in hair, kerchief dots, dog face, grapes
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Legs, shoes, skirts, skirt bands, trousers, socks, boots, sleeves, cuffs, hands, vests, shawl, sashes, necks, hair, ribbons, ears, and 8 more
- **Split stitch**, 1 strand
  Outlines, hair lines
- **Herringbone stitch**, 1 strand
  Herringbone bands, vest seams
- **Feather stitch**, 1 strand
  Feather bands, vest seams
- **Back stitch**, 1 strand
  Tendrils

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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.

Floss

- **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Vine leaves (darker), skirt bands, vests and skirts (light) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta**
  Vests, skirt bands and skirts (dark), ground (darker), cuffs and 13 more parts
- **DMC 712 Cream**
  Sleeves and dog, trousers and leaf veins (lighter) and 13 more parts
- **DMC 945 Tawny**
  Legs, hands and necks (light), faces (lighter)
- **DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Outlines and hair (middle), vine, necks (dark), faces (darker) and 6 more parts
- **DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Outlines and hair (dark), trousers (darker), grapes, vests (darkest) and 15 more parts
- **DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige**
  Necks, legs and hands (middle), ears (lighter)
- **DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Vine leaves (lighter), vests (lightest), shawl, sashes (light)
- **DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray**
  Hair (light), hair lines

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**
   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.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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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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