Batik bird and blossoms

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.7 in (11.4 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC ECRU Ecru**
  Wax lines, tail dots and fern stems, blossom petals (light) and 3 more parts
- **2 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Tail feathers (shade 6 of 8), long wing feathers (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Blossom petals (middle), long wing feathers and fern leaves (darker) and 1 more part
- **4 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta**
  Body feathers and tail eyes (darkest), bough, tail feathers (shade 1 of 8)
- **5 DMC 3821 Straw**
  Body feathers (lightest), tail feathers (shade 8 of 8) and 8 more parts
- **6 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Body feathers and blossom petals (dark), tail feathers (shade 2 of 8) and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Body feathers (light), tail feathers (shade 5 of 8) and 6 more parts
- **8 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany**
  Body feathers (middle), tail feathers (shade 4 of 8) and 3 more parts
- **9 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Tail feathers (shade 7 of 8), petal hearts (darker), head
- **10 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Crackle, eye (darker)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Fern leaves, bough, buds, tail feathers, tail eyes, body feathers, legs, long wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder feathers, crest, beak, and 5 more
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Fern stems, wax lines, feet, crest
4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Crackle
5. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Tail dots, blossom centers

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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. 2 strands: fern stems, feet, crest; 1 or 2 strands: wax lines.

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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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