Big sister with peonies and a swallow

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Stems, ribbon underside, tail, wing shoulders, throat, bill, sepals, daisy petals, words
- **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Stem outlines, leaf outlines, swallow outlines, petal outlines, words
- **Back stitch**, 1 to 4 strands
  Ribbon outlines, leaf outlines
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Ribbon tails, wing feathers, back, head, peony buds, peony petals
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaves
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Eye, daisy hearts, stamens, peony hearts
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Stamens, ribbon shading
- **Stem stitch**, 6 strands
  Ribbon face edge

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

Floss

- **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Stems, wing shoulders and tail (lighter), sepals, wing feathers, back and head (middle)
- **DMC 310 Black**
  Petal outlines, words, leaf outlines and swallow outlines and 5 more parts
- **DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Ribbon underside, ribbon tails, daisy hearts and peony hearts (darkest)
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Ribbon tails, daisy hearts and peony hearts (lightest), stamens (lighter)
- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Ribbon tails, daisy hearts and peony hearts (dark)
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Ribbon tails, daisy hearts and peony hearts (light), stamens (darker)
- **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Leaves, stems, wing shoulders and tail (darker), back, wing feathers and head (dark)
- **DMC 597 Turquoise**
  Leaves (lighter), wing feathers, back and head (light)
- **DMC 304 Medium Red**
  Peony petals and peony buds (dark), throat
- **DMC 712 Cream** Daisy petals and eye (lighter)
- **DMC 814 Dark Garnet** Peony petals and peony buds (darkest)
- **DMC 350 Medium Coral** Peony petals and peony buds (light)
- **DMC 352 Light Coral** Peony petals and peony buds (lightest)
- **DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Daisy petals (darker)
- **DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Ribbon shading

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.

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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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