Blackwork pelican in her piety

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.9 in (11.9 × 12.4 cm)



A number is a row of the list.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 4 skeins of DMC 310; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Floss

DMC 310 Black
Wing feathers, twigs, neck and breast, small wing feathers, oak branch, shoulder, oak leaves, pouch, nest hollow, body outline, acorn cups, chicks, chick down, crest, nest shadows, chick eyes, eye, nest rim and stalks, bill, chick bills and acorns (darker)

DMC 3820 Dark Straw
Gold twigs and gold spangles, bill, chick bills and acorns (lighter)

DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
Bill nail

DMC 321 Red
Blood lines, drops and wound

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Holbein stitch**, 1 strand
   Nest shadows
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Acorns, bill, bill nail, crest, eye, chick bills, chick eyes, drops, wound, gold twigs
3. **Whipped back stitch**, 2 strands
   Oak branch (DMC 310), nest rim, body outline, shoulder (DMC 310), pouch (DMC 310)
4. **Holbein stitch**, 1 strand
   Oak branch (DMC 310), oak leaves (DMC 310), acorn cups (DMC 310), nest hollow, neck and breast, wing feathers (DMC 310), small wing feathers (DMC 310), shoulder (DMC 310), pouch (DMC 310), chick down, twigs (DMC 310)
5. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: oak leaves (DMC 310), edges of the acorns, acorn cups (DMC 310), stalks, wing feathers (DMC 310), small wing feathers (DMC 310), edges of the bill, chicks, blood lines, twigs (DMC 310)
   1 strand: lines of the eye, edges of the chick bills, lines of the chick eyes
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Gold spangles

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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6 inch hoop

For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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