Bluebird and daisies block

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Frame leaves
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, daisy petals, post, post top, belly, breast, tail, rump, wing feathers, wing coverts, head and back, throat
3. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Daisy hearts, daisy bud, bud cup, bill, eye, grass
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Frame ring, stems, leaf veins, legs, toes
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Petal edges, bark lines, post top, post rings, belly edge, feather edges, eye ring
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Frame berries, daisy hearts, eye light

Floss

- **1 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Frame leaves, stems and grass (lighter), bud cup, leaves (light)
- **2 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Frame leaves, stems and grass (darker), frame ring, leaves (dark)
- **3 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon** Frame berries
- **4 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green** Leaves (middle)
- **5 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Leaf veins
- **6 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Daisy petals (light), belly and daisy bud (lighter), eye light
- **7 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Petal edges and belly edge, daisy petals (dark)
- **8 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Daisy petals (middle), belly and daisy bud (darker)
- **9 DMC 922 Light Copper**
  Breast (middle), daisy hearts (darker), throat
- **10 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Daisy hearts (lighter)
- **11 DMC 437 Light Tan** Post (light), post top (lighter)
- **12 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Post (dark), post top (darker), bark lines, toes and legs
- **13 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Post (middle), post rings
- **14 DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany** Breast (light)
- **15 DMC 920 Medium Copper** Breast (dark)
- **16 DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Wing feathers and tail (dark), head and back and wing coverts (darkest)
- **17 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Wing coverts and head and back (dark), rump, wing feathers and tail (middle)
- **18 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Wing coverts, head and back, wing feathers and tail (light)
- **19 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Feather edges and eye ring, head and back and wing coverts (lightest)
- **20 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray** Bill (lighter)
- **21 DMC 310 Black** Bill (darker), eye

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 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 3 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 4, 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 3 and 4 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.

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6 inch hoop

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 fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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

Satin stitch. 2 strands: daisy hearts, daisy bud, bud cup, eye, grass; 1 strand: bill.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: legs, toes; 3 strands: frame ring; 2 or 3 strands: stems; 1 strand: leaf veins.
Split stitch. 2 strands: bark lines; 1 strand: petal edges, post top, post rings, belly edge, feather edges, eye ring.
French knot. 2 strands: frame berries, daisy hearts; 1 strand: eye light.

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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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