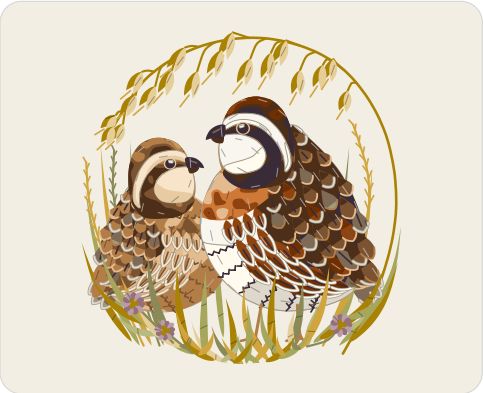
Bobwhite quail pair in tall grass

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 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. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass blades, seed head, bill, eye ring, eye, asters
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, breast, back, chest, flank feathers, wing and back feathers, neck, crown, mask, eye stripe, throat
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Grass stems, tall grass stem, seed head stalks, legs, aster stems
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Grass seeds, seed head awns, feather hearts, bill light, eye light
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather edges
6. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Breast bars
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Aster hearts

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

- **1 DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green** Grass blades (middle dark)
- **2 DMC 729 Medium Old Gold**
  Grass blades (middle light), grass stems and grass seeds (lighter), seed head awns
- **3 DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold**
  Grass blades (dark), seed head (darker), tall grass stem and 2 more parts
- **4 DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green**
  Grass blades (darkest), grass stems and grass seeds (darker), aster stems
- **5 DMC 676 Light Old Gold** Seed head (lighter), grass blades (lightest)
- **6 DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray**
  Wing and back feathers (shade 6 of 9), tail (middle), bill light
- **7 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Back, feather hearts, breast bars and bill (darker), mask (darkest) and 4 more parts
- **8 DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray** Tail (light), wing and back feathers (shade 8 of 9)
- **9 DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray** Breast (shade 4 of 7), feather edges (middle)
- **10 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Breast (shade 5 of 7), feather edges (light), throat and eye stripe (dark)
- **11 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Neck (light), wing and back feathers (shade 7 of 9) and 7 more parts
- **12 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Breast (shade 2 of 7), flank feathers (lightest), feather edges (dark) and 4 more parts
- **13 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Breast (shade 3 of 7), throat and eye stripe (darkest), eye ring (lighter)
- **14 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Back (lighter), wing and back feathers (shade 2 of 9), mask (dark) and 4 more parts
- **15 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Wing and back feathers (shade 5 of 9), neck (dark) and 5 more parts
- **16 DMC 436 Tan** Crown (shade 7 of 7)
- **17 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Breast (shade 6 of 7), feather edges (lightest), throat (light) and 2 more parts
- **18 DMC 712 Cream** Breast (shade 7 of 7), throat and eye stripe (lightest)
- **19 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany** Chest (shade 6 of 7)
- **20 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Flank feathers (darkest), wing and back feathers (shade 3 of 9) and 2 more parts
- **21 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Flank feathers (dark), chest (shade 3 of 7) and 2 more parts
- **22 DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green** Grass blades (light)
- **23 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet** Asters (darker)
- **24 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet** Asters (lighter)

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

Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: legs; 3 strands: tall grass stem; 2 strands: grass stems, seed head stalks, aster stems.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: grass seeds; 1 or 2 strands: feather hearts; 1 strand: seed head awns, bill light, 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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