Cardinal and four little songbirds

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.8 in (11.2 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where.

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.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Floss

- **DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Branch, robin, goldfinch tail, goldfinch wing and seed stalks and 7 more parts
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Boomerang leaves and starburst seed heads (lighter), feet, bills (light)
- **DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray**
  Boomerang leaves (darker), robin wing
- **DMC 321 Red**
  Cardinal, cardinal wing and worm
- **DMC 712 Cream**
  Wing lines, bluebird breast and eyes (lighter), blue jay breast and wing bars
- **DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange**
  Robin breast, bluebird breast (darker), bills (middle)
- **DMC 797 Royal Blue**
  Blue jay, bluebird wing and bluebird tail, blue jay tail (darker)
- **DMC 3755 Baby Blue**
  Bluebird and blue jay wing, blue jay tail (lighter)
- **DMC 726 Light Topaz**
  Goldfinch

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Branch, boomerang leaves, cardinal, cardinal wing, masks, bills, eyes, blue jay tail, blue jay, blue jay breast, collar, blue jay wing, and 11 more
- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Seed stalks, boomerang leaves, wing lines, eyes, worm
- **Straight stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Starburst seed heads, feet, wing lines, wing bars
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Starburst seed heads, eyes

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.

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6 inch hoop

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1 in
25.4 mm

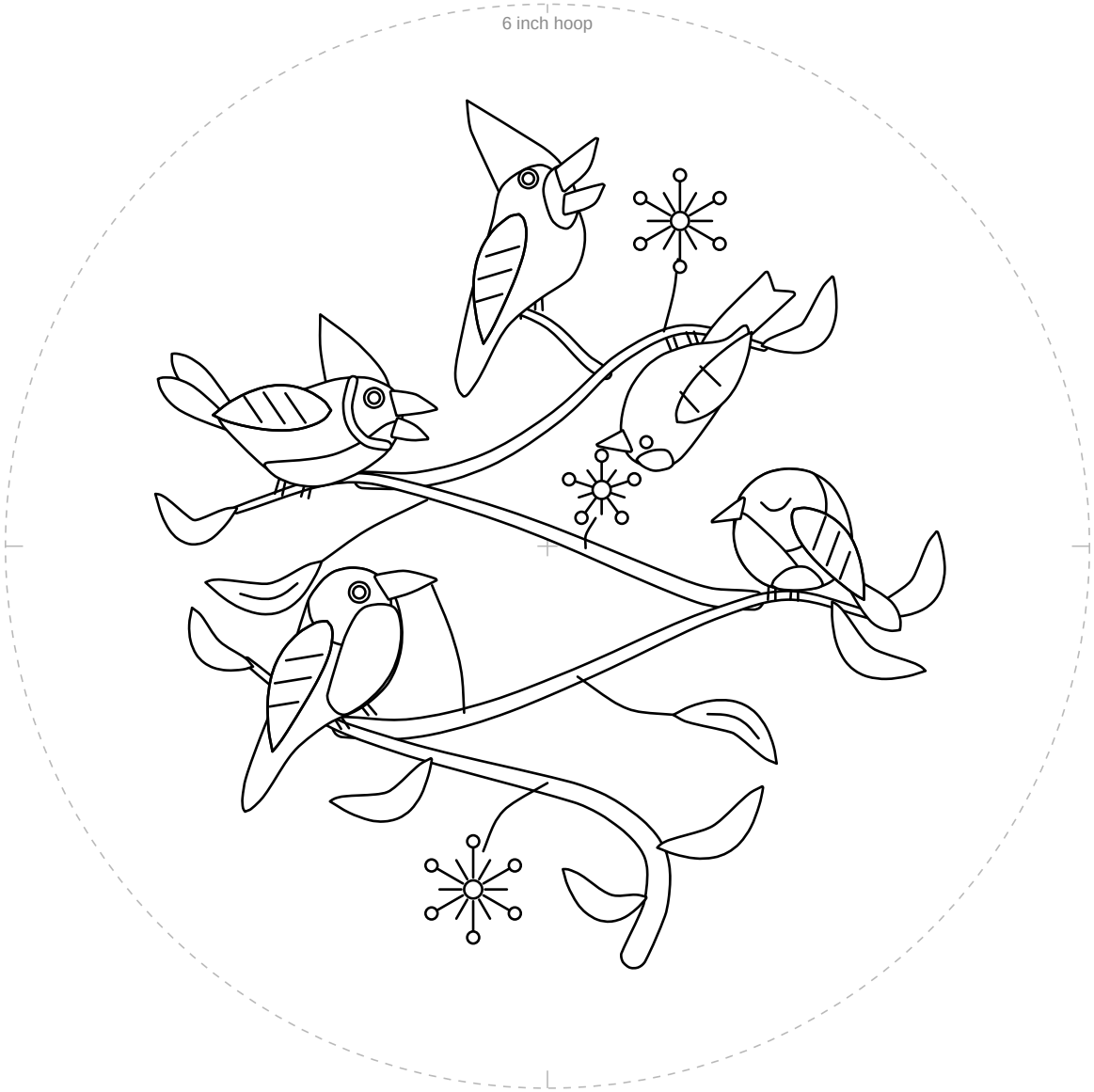
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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