Cardinal in winter

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.5 in (10.9 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Moon, bough, tail, body, head, wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder, mask, snow
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pine cones, bill, eye, legs
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Moon edge, twigs, cone stalks, feet
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pine needles, eye light, snowflakes
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Cone scales, feather edges, eye rim
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Bill line

Floss

- **1 DMC 712 Cream** Moon (light)
- **2 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Moon (dark)
- **3 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Moon (middle), moon edge
- **4 DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown**
  Bough (dark), pine cones (darker), twigs and cone stalks
- **5 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Pine needles (darkest)
- **6 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Pine needles (dark)
- **7 DMC 502 Blue Green** Pine needles (light)
- **8 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Pine needles (lightest)
- **9 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Bough (middle), pine cones (lighter)
- **10 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Cone scales, bough (light)
- **11 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Tail, wing feathers (darker), wing coverts (dark), body (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **12 DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink** Feather edges
- **13 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Body and head (middle), shoulder and wing coverts (light)
- **14 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Body and head (dark), wing coverts (middle), wing feathers (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **15 DMC 321 Red** Body and head (light), shoulder (lightest)
- **16 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Body and head (lightest)
- **17 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Mask, feet, eye and legs
- **18 DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice** Bill (darker)
- **19 DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice** Bill (lighter)
- **20 DMC BLANC White**
  Snow (lightest), snowflakes and eye light
- **21 DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue** Snow (darkest)
- **22 DMC 159 Light Gray Blue** Snow (dark)
- **23 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Snow (light)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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.

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 strands: twigs, cone stalks, feet; 2 strands: moon edge.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: pine needles, eye light; 1 strand: snowflakes.

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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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