Cardinal on a garden rose

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.5 in (11.9 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green 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
   Leaves, canes, rose petals, rose cup, rose heart, half open rose, sepals, bud, tail, back, wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder, crest, and 3 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Canes, thorns, turned petals, rose heart, sepals, bill, eye
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf stalks, leaves
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, feather edges
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather shafts, bill, eye light

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Leaves (dark), leaf stalks (darker)
- **2 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Leaves (middle dark)
- **3 DMC 934 Black Avocado Green** Leaves and canes (darkest)
- **4 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Canes and sepals (middle), leaves (light), leaf stalks (lighter)
- **5 DMC 522 Fern Green** Leaves (lightest), sepals and canes (light)
- **6 DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray**
  Leaves (middle light), canes and sepals (dark)
- **7 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green** Canes (lightest)
- **8 DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink**
  Rose petals, rose cup and half open rose (shade 2 of 7) and 4 more parts
- **9 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Rose petals and rose cup (shade 6 of 7), turned petals (darker) and 3 more parts
- **10 DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink**
  Rose cup, rose petals and half open rose (shade 1 of 7), rose heart and bud (darkest)
- **11 DMC 223 Light Shell Pink**
  Petal edges (middle), rose petals and half open rose (shade 3 of 7) and 3 more parts
- **12 DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink**
  Rose petals and rose cup (shade 4 of 7), bud (middle light) and 4 more parts
- **13 DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink**
  Rose petals, rose cup and half open rose (shade 5 of 7) and 2 more parts
- **14 DMC 712 Cream**
  Rose petals, rose cup and half open rose (shade 7 of 7) and 3 more parts
- **15 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Tail, wing coverts, back and crest (dark), wing feathers (middle), head (darkest)
- **16 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Back and wing coverts (middle), head (dark), tail (light) and 3 more parts
- **17 DMC 321 Red**
  Back and wing coverts (light), shoulder and head (middle) and 3 more parts
- **18 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Back (lightest), feather edges (middle), crest, head and shoulder (light)
- **19 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Wing feathers (dark), back, crest and tail (darkest), feather shafts
- **20 DMC 3705 Dark Melon**
  Feather edges (light), crest and head (lightest)
- **21 DMC 310 Black** Mask and eye, bill (dark)
- **22 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Bill (middle)
- **23 DMC 3340 Medium Apricot** Bill (light)

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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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5	DMC 522 Fern Green	13	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	21	DMC 310 Black
6	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	14	DMC 712 Cream	22	DMC 350 Medium Coral
7	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	15	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	23	DMC 3340 Medium Apricot
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How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 strands: leaf stalks; 1 strand: leaves.

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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

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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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