Cardinal with a berry in a striped ring

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Far firs, snow drift, tail, twigs, branch, holly leaves, breast, wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder, head, mask, snow
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bill, eye ring, eye, legs
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Far firs, crest lights, snowflakes
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail shafts, holly veins, feather edges, bill line
6. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Feet
7. **Whipped back stitch**, 6 strands
   Rim
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Berry lights, eye light, falling snow

Floss

- **1 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Far firs (middle), snow (darkest)
- **2 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Snow drift and snow (dark), far firs (light)
- **3 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue** Far firs (dark)
- **4 DMC BLANC White**
  Snow drift (light), rim (lighter), snowflakes, snow (lightest) and 3 more parts
- **5 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Snow drift (middle), snow (light)
- **6 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Breast, tail, wing coverts and head (darkest), wing feathers (dark) and 4 more parts
- **7 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Tail, breast, wing coverts, head, shoulder and berries (dark), wing feathers (light)
- **8 DMC 321 Red**
  Head and breast (middle), wing feathers (lightest), rim (darker) and 4 more parts
- **9 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Head, breast, wing coverts, shoulder and berries (light), tail (lightest)
- **10 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Branch and twigs (dark), feet and legs
- **11 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Wing feathers, branch and twigs (darkest), bill line
- **12 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown** Branch and twigs (light)
- **13 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown** Branch and twigs (lightest)
- **14 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green** Holly leaves (darkest)
- **15 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Holly leaves (dark)
- **16 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green** Holly leaves (light)
- **17 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Holly veins, holly leaves (lightest)
- **18 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Breast, head and wing coverts (lightest), feather edges and 3 more parts
- **19 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray** Mask (lighter)
- **20 DMC 310 Black** Mask (darker), eye
- **21 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange** Bill (middle)
- **22 DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange** Bill (dark)
- **23 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine** Bill (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.

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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 dashed line is whipped back stitch. 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

Straight stitch. 3 strands: far firs; 2 strands: snowflakes; 1 strand: crest lights.
French knot. 2 strands: falling snow; 1 strand: berry lights, 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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