Cartoon bluebirds on a clothesline

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.3 in (11.7 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Hearts, post caps, clothesline, eyes, cheeks, beaks, sock, chick wings, clothespins, checked cloth, shirt heart, kerchief, feet, rope ties, and 4 more
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Clouds, grass, posts, tail, chick, shirt, feathers, bellies, breasts, wings, folded washing
- **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Clouds, posts, wood grain, post caps, tail, chick, sock, chick wings, checked cloth, shirt, feathers, wings, wing feathers, kerchief, and 4 more
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Post caps, chick tuft, closed eyes, daisy stems, tulip stems
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Eye lights, kerchief dots, folded washing, daisy hearts
- **Back stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Sock, shirt trim
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Clothespin slots, grass blades
- **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
  Basket
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaves

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

- **DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Kerchief (lighter), sock (dark), hearts, tulips (darker) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Bellies (lighter), clouds and shirt (light) and 8 more parts
- **DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue**
  Feathers and wings (lightest), chick (shade 7 of 7), clouds (middle) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Tail (light), feathers and wings (middle light), clouds (dark), chick (shade 3 of 7)
- **DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Grass (light)
- **DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Grass (dark), leaves (darker), grass blades, daisy stems and tulip stems
- **DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Grass and checked cloth (middle), leaves (lighter)
- **DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Posts (light), basket, post caps and basket rim (lighter), clothespins
- **DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Clothesline and wood grain, posts (dark), basket (darker) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 437 Light Tan** Posts (lightest)
- **DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Tail, posts, feathers, wings and sock (darkest) and 11 more parts
- **DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue**
  Wings and feathers (middle dark), tail (dark), chick wings (lighter)
- **DMC 809 Delft Blue**
  Feathers and wings (light), chick (shade 5 of 7), tail (lightest)
- **DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany**
  Breasts (light), chick (shade 6 of 7)
- **DMC 920 Medium Copper** Breasts (dark), chick (shade 2 of 7)
- **DMC 922 Light Copper** Breasts (middle), chick (shade 4 of 7)
- **DMC 351 Coral** Folded washing (shade 3 of 7), tulips (lighter), cheeks
- **DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Sock (light), folded washing (shade 6 of 7), beaks (lighter), daisy hearts
- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Feet, beaks (darker), sock (middle), folded washing (shade 4 of 7)
- **DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Bellies (darker)
- **DMC 797 Royal Blue** Wings and feathers (dark)

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.

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Print at 100% (actual size). Do not scale or fit to page. Check the square below with a ruler before you trace.



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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