Chicken with red bandana and glasses

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.8 in (11.4 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

19 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 977; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13
   Chest feathers, comb, head, neck feathers, wattles, bill, bandana



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 17, 18, 19
   Leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 10, 13, 15, 16
   Lower bill, eye whites, irises, pupils, eye highlights, eyelids, glasses, brows, daisy petals, daisy center



4. **Split stitch**, colors 3, 7, 14
   2 strands: feather edges, comb edge, eyelid lines (color 3), bandana edge
   1 strand: bill edge (color 14)

5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, color 14
   Nostrils



6. **Stem stitch**, colors 14, 16
   2 strands: bill edge (color 14)
   3 strands: eyelid lines (color 16)

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 5
   Daisy creases

8. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 10, 15
   3 strands: bandana dots
   2 strands: knots of the daisy center



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown	8	DMC 498 Dark Red	15	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 3826 Golden Brown	9	DMC 321 Red	16	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
3	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	10	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	17	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green
4	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	11	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	18	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
5	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	12	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	19	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
6	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	13	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz		
7	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	14	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz		

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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