Chinese peony and bird wall hanging

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.9 × 4.5 in (7.4 × 11.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Branch, leaves, half open bloom, sepals, full bloom, heart, bud, tail, tail tips, back, wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder, crest, and 6 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Breast, head
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf stalks, feet, inner frame
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eye light, feet
5. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Gold frame
6. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   Hanging cord
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Gold knots, corner knots

Floss

- **1 DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown** Rods, branch (dark)
- **2 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown** Branch (middle)
- **3 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown** Branch (light)
- **4 DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green**
  Sepals and leaves (middle), leaf stalks
- **5 DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green** Leaves (darkest), sepals (dark)
- **6 DMC 523 Light Fern Green** Leaves (light)
- **7 DMC 522 Fern Green** Leaves (dark)
- **8 DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green** Leaves (lightest), sepals (light)
- **9 DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Full bloom and fallen petal (dark), half open bloom (middle), bud (light)
- **10 DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Full bloom (darkest), hanging cord (darker), bud and half open bloom (dark)
- **11 DMC 3689 Light Mauve**
  Full bloom and half open bloom (light), fallen petal (middle), bud (lightest)
- **12 DMC 819 Light Baby Pink**
  Full bloom and half open bloom (lightest), fallen petal (light)
- **13 DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve**
  Half open bloom and bud (darkest)
- **14 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape** Heart
- **15 DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue**
  Head, wing feathers and tail (middle), crest (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **16 DMC 712 Cream** Breast, tail tips and eye light
- **17 DMC 820 Very Dark Royal Blue**
  Head, tail and wing feathers (dark), crest (darker)
- **18 DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Tail, wing feathers and head (light), wing coverts (middle), shoulder (lighter)
- **19 DMC 800 Pale Delft Blue** Wing coverts (light), eye ring
- **20 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Inner frame, gold frame and gold knots (darker)
- **21 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Gold frame, hanging cord and gold knots (lighter), rod ends and corner knots
- **22 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Feet and bill
- **23 DMC 310 Black** Eye

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

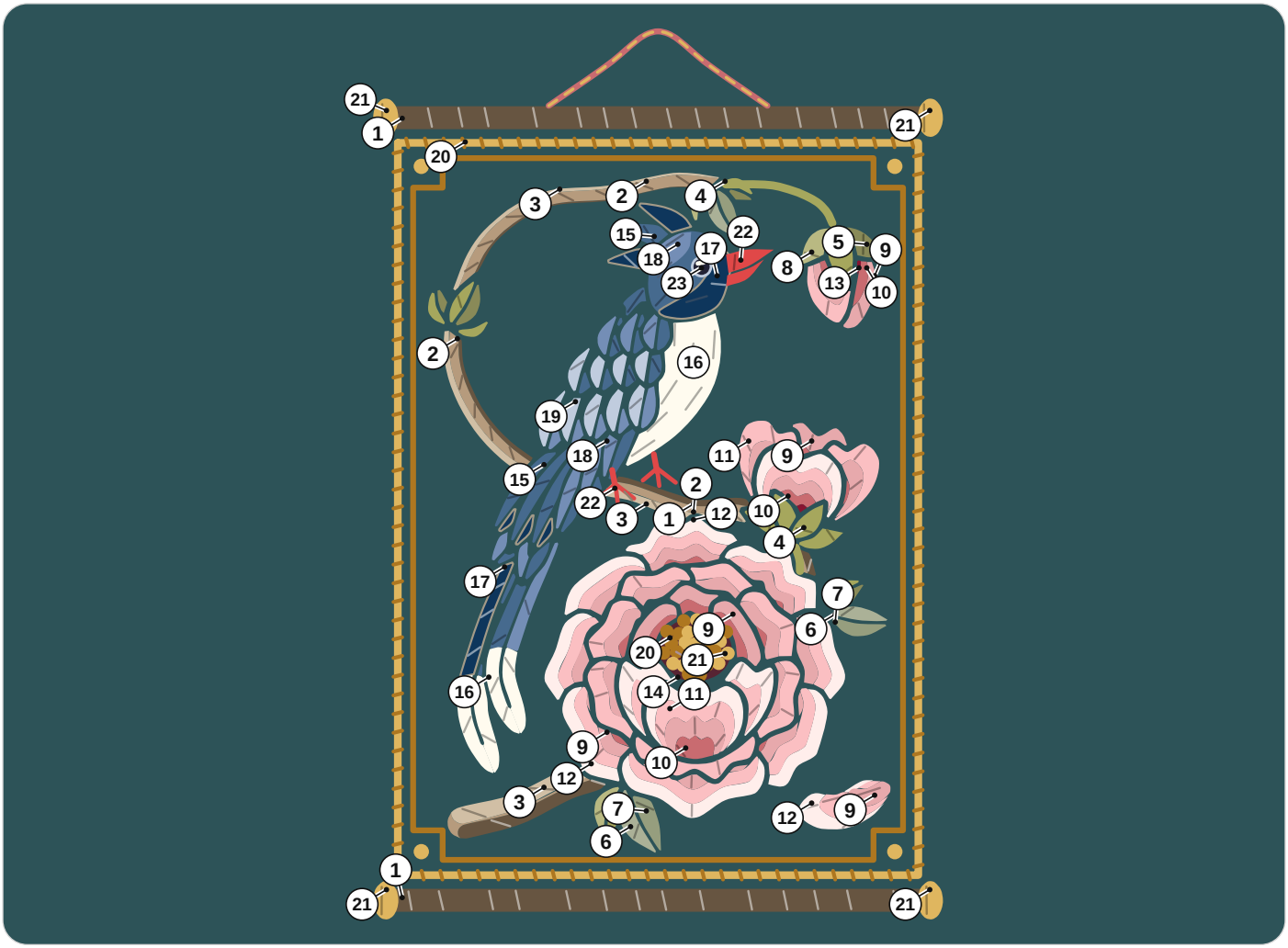
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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.

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

Stem stitch. 4 strands: leaf stalks; 2 strands: feet, inner frame.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: feet; 1 strand: 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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