Day of the Dead skull with marigolds

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.8 in (11.7 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Halo leaves, outer marigold petals, inner marigold petals, edge petals of the great marigolds, teeth, eye petals, tulip, forehead leaves, and 8 more
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Knots in threes, marigold hearts, eye sparks, bird eyes
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Skull
- **Chain stitch**, 2 to 4 strands
  Eye rings, scrolls, cheek scrolls
- **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
  Tulip stem, bills

Floss

- **DMC 702 Kelly Green**
  Halo leaves
- **DMC 726 Light Topaz**
  Outer marigold petals and inner marigold petals (lighter), tulip heart and 3 more parts
- **DMC 970 Light Pumpkin**
  Outer marigold petals and inner marigold petals (darker), tulip
- **DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange**
  Edge petals of the great marigolds and marigold hearts
- **DMC BLANC White**
  Skull (lighter), teeth and bird eyes
- **DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Skull (darker)
- **DMC 602 Medium Cranberry**
  Eye petals, flight feathers and tail feathers (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise**
  Bird backs, eye rings and scrolls, wing coverts (darker) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 3837 Ultra Dark Lavender**
  Flight feathers and tail feathers (darker), forehead leaves and 2 more parts
- **DMC 964 Light Seagreen**
  Wing coverts (lighter)
- **DMC 727 Very Light Topaz**
  Bird breasts
- **DMC 600 Very Dark Cranberry**
  Bird throats

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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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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