Easy bluework bird on a twig

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 3.7 in (11.2 × 9.4 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Twig, cut end, berries, blossom petals, tail feathers, wing feathers, wing scallops, shoulder heart, bill, eye
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: body
   3 strands: legs, cap and back, shoulder
   2 or 3 strands: wing edges
   2 strands: berry stalks, leaf stalks, twig edge, blossom edges, feather edges, feather veins
   1 strand: leaves, eye ring
4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Breast scallops
5. **Straight stitch**
   4 strands: toes
   2 strands: eye light
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Blossom heart

Floss

- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Wing edges, twig edge, feather edges, body and berries, leaves (dark) and 7 more parts
- **DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Tail feathers, cap and back, twig, wing feathers and shoulder and 4 more parts
- **DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue**
  Leaves (light), blossom petals, wing scallops and feather veins and 3 more parts

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.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

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: the lines stay**
   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, as the pen’s packet says.

Pages 2 and 3 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

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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