Easy little scarecrow on a pumpkin

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.4 in (11.4 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 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 3 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 4, 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 3 and 4 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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaves (middle), boots, kerchief and stalk (lighter), vine
- **2 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin**
  Pumpkin, flower petals, cheeks and heart
- **3 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Shirt (lighter), pumpkin ribs and nose, patch (darker)
- **4 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Crow and soles, overalls, shirt, hat and boots (darker), leaves (dark) and 9 more parts
- **5 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Face, crow eye and eyes (lighter), leaves (light)
- **6 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Straw, cuffs, crow feet, bill and buttons, hat and patch (lighter)
- **7 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Overalls, hat band and wing (lighter), straps

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stalk, shirt, cuffs, straps, heart, boots, patch, kerchief, eyes, cheeks, nose, mouth, hat band, leaves, flower petals, flower heart, bill, crow eye
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Face
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Vine, stalk, leaves, overalls, soles
5. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pumpkin, stalk, leaves, shirt, overalls, boots, face, kerchief, hat, hat band, crow, wing
6. **Chain stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pumpkin ribs, hat
7. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Straw, patch, mouth, crow feet
8. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Crow, wing
9. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Buttons, eyes, crow eye

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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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot.

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: vine, soles; 3 strands: overalls; 2 strands: stalk, leaves.
Back stitch. 6 strands: pumpkin; 3 strands: boots, face, kerchief, hat, crow; 2 or 3 strands: shirt, overalls; 2 strands: stalk, leaves, hat band, wing.
Chain stitch. 5 strands: hat; 4 strands: pumpkin ribs.
French knot. 3 strands: buttons; 2 strands: eyes; 1 strand: crow eye.

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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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