Easy owl with big round eyes

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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green 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 436 Tan**
  Wing coverts, wing feathers and acorns (lighter), forehead and cut end, tail (light)
- **2 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Outline, pupils, bough, eye rings and twigs, toes (darker) and 5 more parts
- **3 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Crown, breast and shoulder, wing feathers and wing coverts (darker), tail (middle)
- **4 DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige**
  Bark and face feathers, acorn caps (lighter)
- **5 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Irises and breast marks, toes and beak (lighter)
- **6 DMC 746 Off White**
  Eye light
- **7 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Leaves

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail, cut end, wing feathers, wing coverts, toes, crown, forehead, irises, pupils, eye light, beak, acorns, acorn caps
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tail, bough, twigs, bark, outline, toes, pupils, eye rings, beak, acorns, acorn caps
4. **Back stitch**, 5 strands
   Breast
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Breast marks, shoulder, claws, face feathers

What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in sage green. Embroidery needle: size 7 for 2 or 3 strands, size 3 for 4 to 6 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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.

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. 6 strands: bark, pupils, eye rings; 4 or 6 strands: outline; 3 to 6 strands: twigs; 4 strands: tail, bough; 3 strands: beak; 2 strands: toes, acorns, acorn caps.
Straight stitch. 6 strands: breast marks, shoulder; 5 strands: claws, face feathers.

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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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