Orange and gold eye feather

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2.4 × 4.7 in (6.1 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of black cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

20 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 815; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
   Back barbs, barbs, eye surround



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
   Smoky down, quill, eye almond, eye ring



Stitch in this order, continued

3. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 6
   Eye edge

4. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 18, 19, 20
   Eye heart



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood	8	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	15	DMC 920 Medium Copper
2	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange	9	DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz	16	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper
3	DMC 919 Red Copper	10	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	17	DMC 922 Light Copper
4	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	11	DMC 3822 Light Straw	18	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green
5	DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	19	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green
6	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	13	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	20	DMC 964 Light Seagreen
7	DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange	14	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow		

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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