Flying eagle silhouette with flag

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.7 in (11.2 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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 1, 3, 4, 9, 11
   Star field, body, head



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15
   Far wing feathers, far small wing feathers, far wing edge, tail, tail small wing feathers, red stripes, white stripes, flag stars, far leg, thighs, staff, staff top, near leg, talons, feet, near wing feathers, near small wing feathers, near wing edge, beak, eye, pupil, brow



3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 5
   Tail edge, flag edge, head edge

4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, color 13
   Nostril



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	6	DMC 321 Red	11	DMC 336 Navy Blue
2	DMC 797 Royal Blue	7	DMC 498 Dark Red	12	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw
3	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	8	DMC 666 Bright Red	13	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
4	DMC 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	14	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	10	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	15	DMC 310 Black

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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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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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