# Flying sparrow mending patch

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.4 in (9.7 × 11.2 cm).



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

## Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Wind and needle holes
- **2 DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown**
  Flight feathers and tail feathers
- **3 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Feather edges, tail edges, wing bars, sparrow outline and cheek and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold**
  Back (lighter), wing coverts and bill
- **5 DMC 3826 Golden Brown**
  Wing shoulders and cap, back (darker)
- **6 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Eye stripe, bib, eye, cheek spot and gape
- **7 DMC 351 Coral**
  Patch edge and thread

## Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wing bars, cheek spot, bib, eye stripe, eye, bill



2. **Running stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Wind, flight feathers, wing coverts, wing shoulders, tail feathers, back, cap, cheek, patch edge



3. **Back stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Feather edges, tail edges, sparrow outline, eye ring, collar, gape, thread



4. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye light, needle holes



## What you need

Easy. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in indigo. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3, size 5 for 4 (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.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is running stitch.

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

Running stitch. 4 strands: patch edge; 3 strands: wind, flight feathers, wing coverts, wing shoulders, tail feathers, back, cap, cheek.
Back stitch. 4 strands: thread; 3 strands: sparrow outline, collar; 2 or 3 strands: feather edges; 2 strands: tail edges, eye ring, gape.

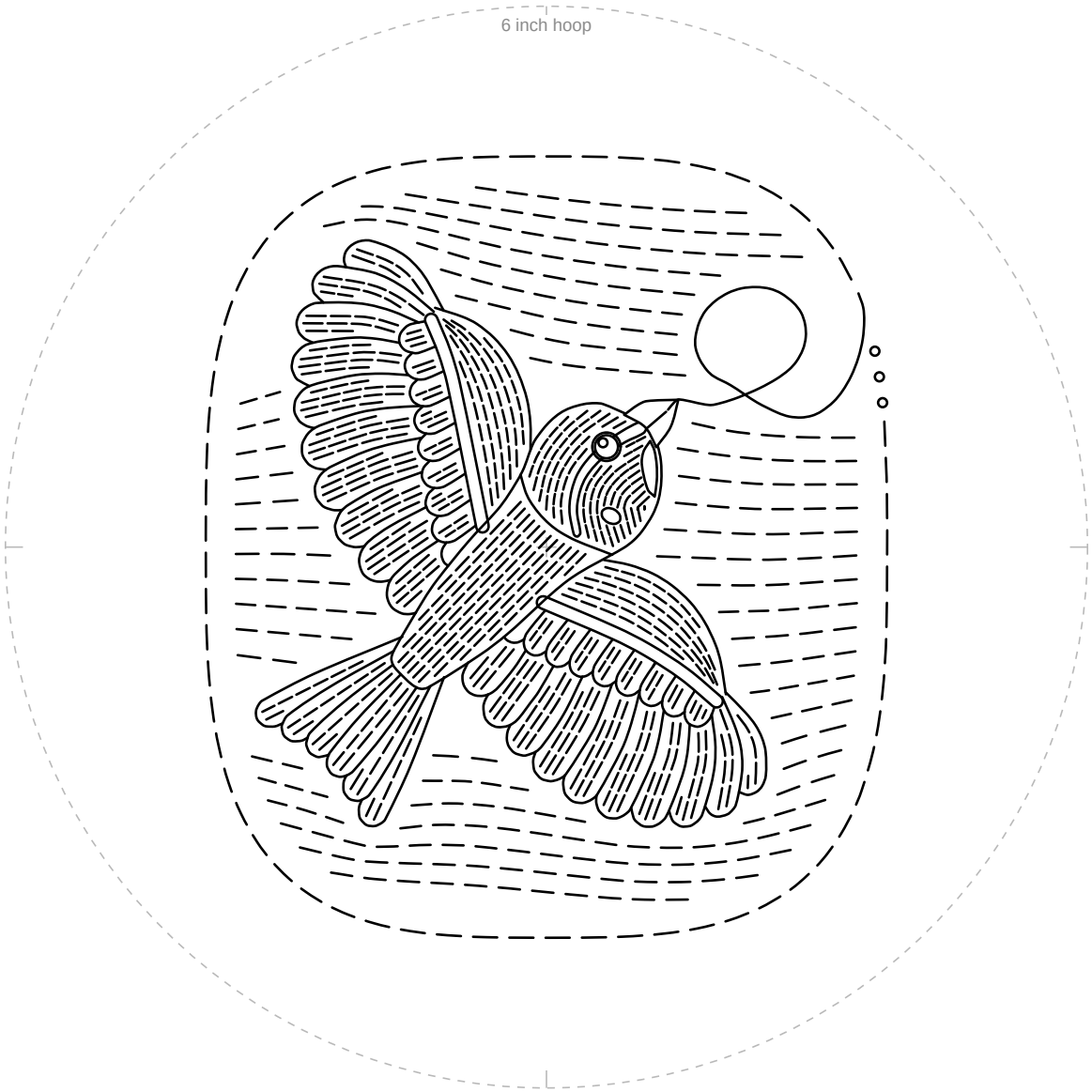


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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

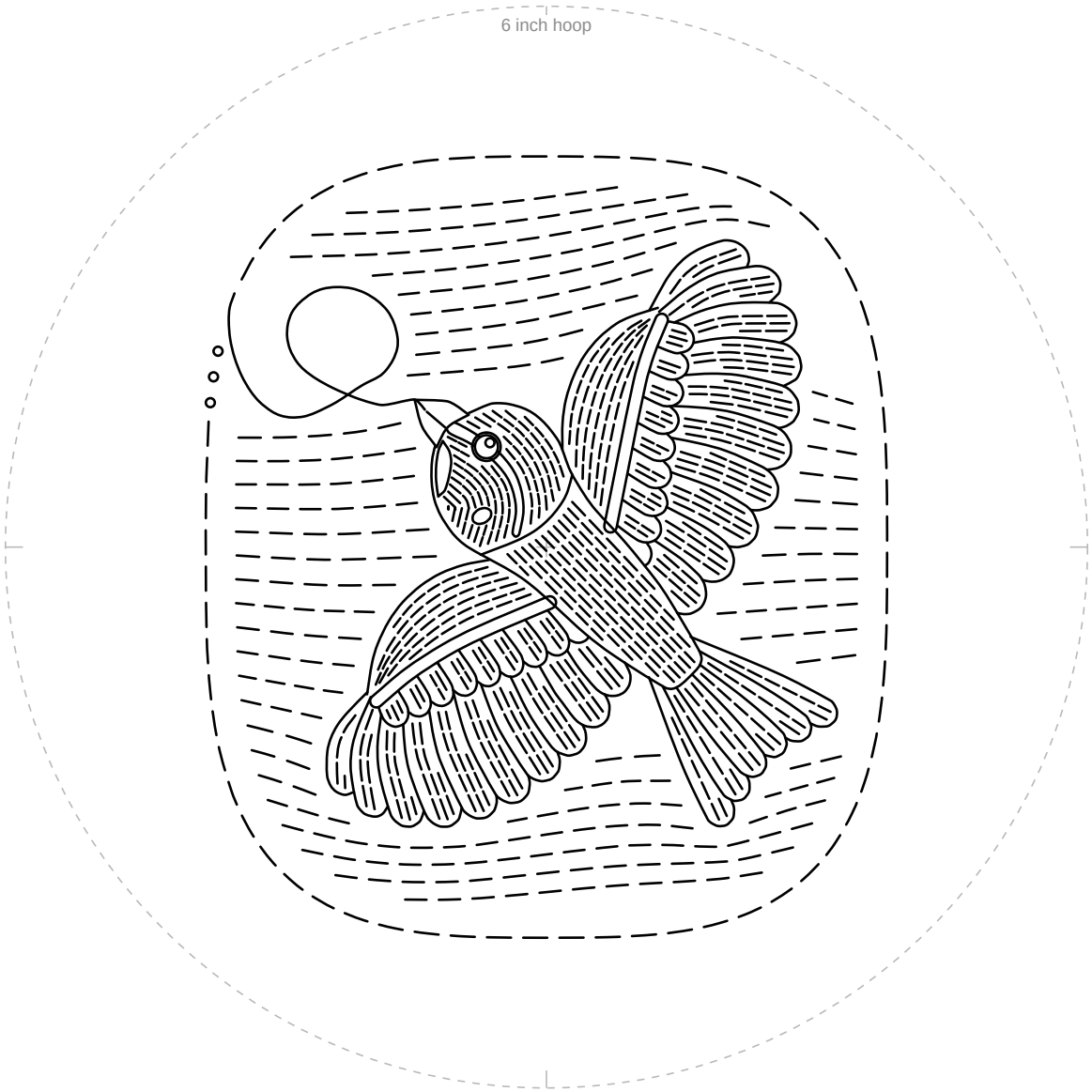


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**6 inch hoop**

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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