Folk art bird house with three birds

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.9 in (11.4 × 12.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Post, brackets, tulip blooms, post foot, walls, corner boards, door rings, peeking bird body, peeking bird head, peeking bird bill, eyes, and 21 more
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Tulip leaves
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tulip stems, roof edge, straw
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Daisy flowers, daisy leaves, legs
5. **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Herringbone bands
6. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Band lines, chain scallops
7. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Breast marks
8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Daisy flowers, daisy leaves, singer shoulder, lander shoulder
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Knots, eyes

Floss

- **1 DMC 519 Sky Blue**
  Singer body and singer head, lander wing (darker) and 5 more parts
- **2 DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue**
  Lander wing, lander far wing and post (lighter), singer wing (darker)
- **3 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Corner boards, door rings, lander body and brackets, knots (darker) and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Ledges, tulip stems, daisy leaves and post foot, tulip leaves (darker)
- **5 DMC 523 Light Fern Green**
  Tulip leaves (lighter)
- **6 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Roof shingles (middle), awnings and tulip blooms (darker) and 9 more parts
- **7 DMC 3821 Straw**
  Tulip blooms (lighter), perches, lander belly and roof edge and 8 more parts
- **8 DMC 712 Cream**
  Walls, singer wing, lander shoulder, eyes and singer shoulder (lighter)
- **9 DMC 352 Light Coral**
  Roof shingles (light), awnings and lander tail (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **10 DMC 310 Black**
  Eyes (darker)
- **11 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Roof shingles (dark)

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.

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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.

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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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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4	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**8**	DMC 712 Cream		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: roof edge; 3 strands: tulip stems; 2 strands: straw.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: daisy leaves, legs; 2 strands: daisy flowers.
Lazy daisy stitch. 3 strands: daisy flowers, daisy leaves; 2 strands: singer shoulder, lander shoulder.

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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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