Fresh eggs in laurel

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.2 in (10.7 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue 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
   Tail feathers, tail drops, back, breast, belly, wing feathers, wing scallops, wing shoulder, hackles, wattles, comb, face, beak, eye, and 3 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Head, straw, eggs
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Feather edges, zone lines, hen outline, comb edge, laurel stems, egg edges
5. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Scale edges, belly zigzag, feather edges, comb edge
6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Wing daisy

Floss

- **1 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Hackles (middle), tail feathers (light), straw (lighter) and 8 more parts
- **2 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Belly, tail feathers and hackles (dark), scale edges (darker) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Feather edges and lettering, tail feathers (darkest) and 7 more parts
- **4 DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Scale edges (lighter), eggs (shade 6 of 8), tail drops (light)
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Breast (lighter), tail feathers (lightest), hackles (light) and 6 more parts
- **6 DMC 336 Navy Blue** Back
- **7 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Breast (darker), eggs (shade 7 of 8)
- **8 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Comb, face, wattles and berries
- **9 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Laurel leaves (dark), laurel stems
- **10 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Laurel leaves (middle)
- **11 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Laurel leaves (light)
- **12 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Straw (darker)
- **13 DMC 436 Tan** Eggs (shade 5 of 8)
- **14 DMC 434 Light Brown** Eggs (shade 1 of 8)
- **15 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Eggs (shade 3 of 8)
- **16 DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Eggs (shade 2 of 8)
- **17 DMC 597 Turquoise** Eggs (shade 4 of 8)

Stitches, continued

7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Breast dots, wing daisy, eye

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.

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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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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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6	DMC 336 Navy Blue	**12**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 or 4 strands: hen outline; 3 strands: laurel stems; 2 strands: zone lines, egg edges; 1 or 2 strands: feather edges, comb edge.
Back stitch. 4 strands: belly zigzag; 1 or 2 strands: comb edge; 1 strand: scale edges, feather edges.
French knot. 2 strands: breast dots, wing daisy; 1 strand: eye.

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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

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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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