Goldfinch and coneflower block

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Frame leaves, leaves, stems and bud (lighter)
- **2 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Frame leaves, leaves, stems and bud (darker), frame ring
- **3 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Petals (middle), frame berries
- **4 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Seed head (darker), cone (darkest), legs, seeds, bill edge and toes
- **5 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Bill, seed head (lighter)
- **6 DMC 760 Salmon**
  Petals (light)
- **7 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Petal edges, petals and cone (dark)
- **8 DMC 922 Light Copper**
  Cone (light)
- **9 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Body (dark), body edge, cone (lightest)
- **10 DMC 310 Black**
  Wing, cap and eye, tail (darker)
- **11 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Tail (lighter), undertail, tufts, wing edges, wing bar and eye light
- **12 DMC 726 Light Topaz**
  Body (middle)
- **13 DMC 727 Very Light Topaz**
  Body (light)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Frame leaves, bud, leaves
2. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Seed head, petals, cone, body, undertail
3. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Petals, bud, tail, legs, wing, wing bar, cap, bill, eye, seeds
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Frame ring, stems, petals, petal edges, cone, tail, body edge, toes, wing edges, wing, bill edge
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Seed head, bud, eye light, tufts
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Frame berries, cone

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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 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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How many strands

Satin stitch. 3 strands: petals, bud, tail, legs, wing, wing bar, cap; 2 strands: bill, eye, seeds.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: frame ring, stems, toes; 2 strands: wing; 1 strand: petals, petal edges, cone, tail, body edge, wing edges, bill edge.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: eye light; 2 strands: seed head, bud, tufts.

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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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