Bird and flower in gold wire

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.8 in (11.9 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black 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 3822 Light Straw**
  Tail plumes (lighter), slim leaves (lightest), petals (light) and 16 more parts
- **2 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Slim leaves (light), wing coverts and petals (dark) and 18 more parts
- **3 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Plume barbs, slim leaves (dark), breast feathers (middle dark) and 16 more parts
- **4 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Breast feathers, wing feathers and back petals (dark) and 6 more parts
- **5 DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold**
  Petals and breast feathers (lightest), wing feathers (light) and 9 more parts
- **6 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Breast feathers (darkest)
- **7 DMC 816 Garnet**
  Eye and berry

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Slim leaves, bill, eye ring, feet



2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stem foot, bud sepals, petal flames, flower heart, plume eyes, tail coverts, breast feathers, wing coverts, wing shoulder, crest



3. **Couching**
   strands by part on page 2
   Perch, stem, slim leaves, bud stalks, buds, back petals, petals, tail plumes, tail coverts, flank, head and neck, breast edge, and 4 more



4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Plume barbs, berry stalk



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Purl knots, eye, berry



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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

Couching. 4 strands: perch, stem, bud stalks, buds, back petals, petals, tail plumes, tail coverts, flank, head and neck, breast edge, wing feathers, wing coverts, wing shoulder, crest; 3 or 4 strands: slim leaves.

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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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