Grandma’s love with two folk birds

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.6 in (12.4 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buds, tulip cups, tulips, tails, bills, breasts, breast bands, heads, collars, eyes, wings, wing scallops, shoulders, heart, heart center, and 3 more
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Branches, legs, feet, crests, berry stalks
4. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Wing edges, heart edge, words
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Heart seam
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Breast knots, crest knots, eye centers, wing knots, twig knobs, berries

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Branches and leaves (darker), wing edges (middle), tulip cups and berry stalks
- **2 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Wings, leaves and branches (lighter)
- **3 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Tulips and rosettes (darker), breasts and words (lighter), heart and 5 more parts
- **4 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Tulips (lighter), wing scallops and breast bands, tails (light) and 8 more parts
- **5 DMC 311 Medium Navy Blue**
  Words and buds (darker), heads and crests, tails and wing edges (dark)
- **6 DMC 680 Dark Old Gold**
  Wing edges (light), legs and feet
- **7 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Breasts (darker), heart edge and heart seam
- **8 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Eye centers
- **9 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Shoulders, rosettes (lighter)

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.

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 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

Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: branches; 3 strands: legs; 2 strands: feet, crests, berry stalks.
Split stitch. 2 strands: heart edge; 1 or 2 strands: wing edges; 1 strand: words.
French knot. 2 strands: breast knots, crest knots, wing knots, twig knobs, berries; 1 strand: eye centers.

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6 inch hoop

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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