Halloween scarecrow and harvest moon

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



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Night sky, low clouds, moon, moon craters, far hills, and 12 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Corn husks, corn cobs, fence rails, fence posts, and 14 more
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Corn husks
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Moon edge, corn stalks, lit leaf edges, corn tassels, and 12 more
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Star rays, patch stitches
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Crossbar edge, straw edges, cuff edges, coat seams, and 4 more
7. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Rope belt
8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Face edges
9. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Stars, corn cobs, buttons, rope belt, crow eye

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 327 Dark Violet** Night sky (light) and 3 more parts
- 2 **DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue** Far hills (darker) and 2 more parts
- 3 **DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue** Night sky (dark) and 3 more parts
- 4 **DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Night sky (lightest) and 7 more parts
- 5 **DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet** Far field (lighter) and 4 more parts
- 6 **DMC 742 Light Tangerine** Moon (middle light) and 3 more parts
- 7 **DMC 920 Medium Copper** Pumpkin head (dark) and 6 more parts
- 8 **DMC 922 Light Copper** Moon (dark) and 5 more parts
- 9 **DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold** Moon (middle dark) and 8 more parts
- 10 **DMC 744 Pale Yellow** Moon (light), straw (lighter) and 2 more parts
- 11 **DMC 746 Off White** Moon (lightest) and 3 more parts
- 12 **DMC 154 Very Dark Grape** Stubble rows (dark) and 3 more parts
- 13 **DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet** Path (middle)
- 14 **DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold** Path (light)
- 15 **DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Corn leaves (middle) and 3 more parts
- 16 **DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green** Corn leaves (dark)
- 17 **DMC 502 Blue Green** Corn leaves (light) and 2 more parts
- 18 **DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Straw (darker), corn tassels and 3 more parts
- 19 **DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray**
  Fence posts, fence rails and crow feathers
- 20 **DMC 310 Black** Coat sleeves (darker) and 15 more parts
- 21 **DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Pumpkin ribs and crossbar and 4 more parts
- 22 **DMC 307 Lemon** Lantern grin and 3 more parts

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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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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7	DMC 920 Medium Copper	**15**	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green		
8	DMC 922 Light Copper	**16**	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: corn stalks, hoop edge; 2 strands: coat seams, rope belt, crow feet; 1 or 2 strands: lit coat edges; 1 strand: moon edge, lit leaf edges, corn tassels, lit fence edges, post grain, lit post edge, coat folds, hat folds, lit hat edge, crow feathers.
Straight stitch. 1 or 2 strands: star rays; 1 strand: patch stitches.
French knot. 2 strands: buttons, rope belt, crow eye; 1 or 2 strands: stars; 1 strand: corn cobs.

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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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