Happy retirement with a bluebird

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.5 in (12.2 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Branch, tail, belly, breast, back, wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder, head, throat
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Twigs, bud stalks, legs, feet, words
- **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Bark lines, cut end ring, petal edges, feather edges, belly edge
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Cut end, blossom petals, sepals, buds, bill, eye ring, eye, falling petals
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaves
- **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
  Stamens, eye light
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Anthers, blossom hearts, words

Floss

- **DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Branch (dark), bark lines, twigs, eye and legs, bill (darker)
- **DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray**
  Branch (middle), belly edge and cut end ring, belly (dark), bill (lighter)
- **DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray** Branch (light), feet
- **DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Belly (middle), cut end
- **DMC 3053 Green Gray**
  Leaves (lighter), blossom hearts
- **DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray**
  Leaves (darker), bud stalks
- **DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink**
  Blossom petals and falling petals (light)
- **DMC 223 Light Shell Pink**
  Petal edges (lighter), buds (middle), blossom petals and falling petals (dark)
- **DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink**
  Blossom petals and falling petals (middle), buds (light)
- **DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink** Stamens and sepals
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Anthers
- **DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink**
  Petal edges (darker), buds (dark)
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Words, tail and wing coverts (dark), back, head and shoulder (darkest)
- **DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Wing feathers (darker), back, head and shoulder (dark), wing coverts and tail (middle)
- **DMC 3755 Baby Blue**
  Feather edges and eye ring, back, head and shoulder (lightest)
- **DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue**
  Wing coverts, back, head, shoulder and tail (light), wing feathers (lighter)
- **DMC 712 Cream** Belly (light), eye light
- **DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany**
  Breast (light), throat (lighter)
- **DMC 919 Red Copper** Breast (dark)
- **DMC 921 Copper** Breast (middle), throat (darker)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% (actual size). Do not scale or fit to page. Check the square below with a ruler before you trace.



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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