Hares, birds and flowers in hot colors

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



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Main stem, tail feathers, bills, bird body, wings, bird eyes, tulip petals, flower cups, hare ears, hare forelegs, hare tails, hare body, and 17 more
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Stem stitch**, 4 to 5 strands
   Boughs
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bird feet, hare mouths
5. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Bird eyes, hare eyes, armadillo eyes, flower knots

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 702 Kelly Green**
Boughs and main stem, leaves (darker)

2 **DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
Hare body and armadillo shell (lightest), bird body (light) and 8 more parts

3 **DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender**
Armadillo head, armadillo shell (darkest), tail feathers (dark) and 5 more parts

4 **DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink**
Hare body (dark), hare head (darker), wings (middle), hare feet and 7 more parts

5 **DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
Hare body (light), armadillo legs, hare forelegs (lighter) and 7 more parts

6 **DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise**
Bird body (middle), flower cups, armadillo shell (light) and 2 more parts

7 **DMC 666 Bright Red**
Hare body (darkest), bird body, tulip petals and heart (dark), flower petals and buds

8 **DMC BLANC White**
Hare tails, hare eyes, bird eyes and armadillo eyes (lighter)

9 **DMC 310 Black**
Hare eyes, bird eyes and armadillo eyes (darker), hare mouths

10 **DMC 907 Light Parrot Green**
Leaves (lighter)

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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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

Straight stitch. 3 strands: bird feet; 2 strands: hare mouths.
French knot. 2 strands: bird eyes, hare eyes, flower knots; 1 strand: armadillo eyes.

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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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