Hex sign with goldfinches and tulips

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



Which color goes where.

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.

Floss

- **DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Scalloped ring, star center and rosette hearts, tulip petals (darker)
- **DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Scallop hearts, back points and shoulder, tail and wing feathers (lighter)
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Inner ring, breast, head and wing bar, rosette petals (darker) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Star points, rosette petals and tulip hearts (lighter), belly and beak and 2 more parts
- **DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Star points (darker)
- **DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Leaves (darker), branch and stems
- **DMC 321 Red**
  Heart and face, tulip petals (lighter)
- **DMC 989 Forest Green**
  Leaves (lighter)
- **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Tail and wing feathers (darker), cap and eyes

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Scalloped ring, scallop hearts, inner ring, back points, star points, star center, star heart, tulip petals, tulip hearts, leaves, and 15 more
- **Stem stitch**, 4 to 5 strands
  Stems, branch
- **Back stitch**, 3 strands
  Legs
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Eyes

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.
3. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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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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