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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: mustard yellow 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
   Bare branch, pumpkins, tail, thighs, crow body, wing, wing coverts, shoulder, crow head
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Spider, vine leaves, pumpkin stems, pumpkin shadow, key, legs, bill, eye, words
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Falling leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Twigs, leaf veins, vine, feet
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Cobweb, branch knots, vine leaves, pumpkin ribs, pumpkin stems, key, feather edges, words
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Spider legs
7. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Spider mark, bristles

Floss

- **1 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Bare branch (dark), twigs and branch knots
- **2 DMC BLANC White** Cobweb, dew and eye light
- **3 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown** Bare branch (middle)
- **4 DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray** Bare branch (light)
- **5 DMC 310 Black**
  Words and spider legs, crow body (darkest), tail and bill (dark) and 8 more parts
- **6 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta**
  Falling leaves (middle), spider mark
- **7 DMC 919 Red Copper** Falling leaves (light)
- **8 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Pumpkins (light), leaf veins (lighter)
- **9 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Falling leaves (dark), leaf veins (darker)
- **10 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Vine, pumpkin stems and vine leaves (lighter)
- **11 DMC 934 Black Avocado Green**
  Pumpkin stems and vine leaves (darker)
- **12 DMC 920 Medium Copper** Pumpkins (dark)
- **13 DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice** Pumpkins (lightest)
- **14 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Pumpkin ribs and pumpkin shadow, pumpkins (darkest)
- **15 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Crow head, wing and crow body (light), key (darker), bill (middle) and 5 more parts
- **16 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray** Feet, key (lighter), bill (light)
- **17 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Crow body, wing, wing coverts, crow head and shoulder (dark), thighs and tail (middle)
- **18 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Crow body and shoulder (lightest), feather edges (darker)
- **19 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Shoulder (light), wing, crow head and wing coverts (lightest)
- **20 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Feather edges (lighter)
- **21 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray** Eye (lighter)

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Dew, eye light

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 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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: feet; 2 or 3 strands: twigs; 2 strands: vine; 1 or 2 strands: leaf veins.
Split stitch. 1 or 2 strands: cobweb; 1 strand: branch knots, vine leaves, pumpkin ribs, pumpkin stems, key, feather edges, words.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: spider mark; 1 strand: bristles.

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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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