Japanese mending crane in boro patches

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.7 in (10.9 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: wine red 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**, 2 strands
   Tail, breast patch, belly patch, thigh patch, covert patches, shoulder patches
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Standing leg, raised leg, neck, head, nape stripe, crown, bill, eye, flight feathers, wing edge
3. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail edge, neck edge
4. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Ripples, breast rows, waves, thigh rows, feather rows, crossed squares, persimmon flowers, hemp leaf stars, red hemp leaf star, wing edge row
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Foot, raised foot, red thread
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Whip stitches, red whip stitches, needle
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye

Floss

- **1 DMC 310 Black**
  Tail, neck and head, whip stitches and eye (darker)
- **2 DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray**
  Flight feathers (light), belly patch, tail edge and neck edge, shoulder patches (middle)
- **3 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Flight feathers (darkest), thigh patch, covert patches (dark) and 4 more parts
- **4 DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige**
  Raised leg, standing leg, bill, raised foot, foot and needle, eye (lighter)
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Breast patch, flight feathers and covert patches (lightest) and 8 more parts
- **6 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Covert patches (darkest), waves (darker), persimmon flowers and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Red hemp leaf star, crown, red thread and red whip stitches
- **8 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Flight feathers and shoulder patches (dark), covert patches (light)

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 dashed line is running stitch.

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: foot, raised foot; 2 strands: red thread.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: needle; 2 strands: whip stitches, red whip stitches.

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6 inch hoop

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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6 inch hoop

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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