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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.4 in (12.2 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 4 strands
  Orchid stems, leaves
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Leaves, vine, tail, breast, breast band, throat, back, wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder, head, orchid buds, orchid petals, orchid lip
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Moss, orchid hearts
- **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Feather edges, disc coils
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Legs, feet, bill, brow, eye ring, eye, tail wires, tail discs
- **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
  Claws, eye light, disc light, orchid lip
- **Back stitch**, 1 strand
  Bill

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 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Orchid stems, moss (dark)
- **DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive**
  Leaves, vine and bill (middle), feather edges (lighter), orchid lip (dark)
- **DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany** Leaves (dark)
- **DMC 832 Golden Olive**
  Leaves, orchid lip and bill (light), eye ring and orchid hearts
- **DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown** Vine (dark)
- **DMC 841 Light Beige Brown** Vine (light)
- **DMC 469 Avocado Green** Moss (middle)
- **DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green** Moss (light)
- **DMC 3371 Black Brown** Tail, eye and claws, bill (dark)
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Breast (lighter), orchid petals and orchid buds (light), disc light and eye light
- **DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Breast (darker)
- **DMC 913 Medium Nile Green**
  Tail discs, breast band and tail wires (light)
- **DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green**
  Tail wires (dark), disc coils (darker), tail discs and breast band (darkest), brow
- **DMC 911 Medium Emerald Green**
  Tail discs and breast band (dark), disc coils (lighter), tail wires (middle)
- **DMC 954 Nile Green**
  Tail discs and breast band (lightest)
- **DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Back, throat and shoulder (middle), head (dark), wing feathers (light)
- **DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Back (dark), wing feathers (middle), wing coverts (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 349 Dark Coral**
  Feather edges (darker), back, head, shoulder and throat (light)
- **DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Back, head and shoulder (lightest)
- **DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Wing feathers (dark), wing coverts (darker), back and shoulder (darkest)
- **DMC 797 Royal Blue** Legs
- **DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue** Feet
- **DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige**
  Orchid petals and orchid buds (middle)
- **DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige**
  Orchid lip (lightest), orchid petals and orchid buds (dark)

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