Little bird stealing from a taco

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4 in (10.9 × 10.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Inside of the shell, charred meat, cilantro, radish slices, shell, toasted blisters, lime rind, lime flesh, tail, breast, back, and 10 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Radish rind, pickled onion, toasted blisters, shell lip, lime pith, eye, bill
3. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Shell rims
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, radish hearts, char marks, wing and tail bars, flank bars, wing spots, eye light
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Shell edge, eye line, eye ring, sprig, legs, feet, fallen leaf
6. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Crumbs

Floss

- **1 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Inside of the shell and shell (darkest), shell rims and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Shell and inside of the shell (dark)
- **3 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Shell (middle), inside of the shell (light), crumbs
- **4 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Shell (light), inside of the shell (lightest)
- **5 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Charred meat (darkest), wing and tail bars and char marks and 3 more parts
- **6 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Charred meat (dark), bill and eye line (lighter), feet and legs, head and back (darkest)
- **7 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Charred meat (middle), back, head, shoulder and toasted blisters (dark), flank bars
- **8 DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown**
  Charred meat, back and head (light), toasted blisters (middle) and 3 more parts
- **9 DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown**
  Tail and wing feathers, back, charred meat and head (lightest) and 5 more parts
- **10 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Cilantro, cilantro sprig, lime rind and fallen leaf (middle), lime flesh (darker), sprig
- **11 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaf veins, cilantro, cilantro sprig, fallen leaf and lime rind (dark)
- **12 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Cilantro, cilantro sprig and fallen leaf (light)
- **13 DMC 718 Plum** Pickled onion (middle), radish rind
- **14 DMC 3865 Winter White** Radish slices (darker), eye light
- **15 DMC 712 Cream**
  Breast (lightest), radish slices, brow and throat (lighter)
- **16 DMC 3608 Very Light Plum** Radish hearts, pickled onion (light)
- **17 DMC 915 Dark Plum** Pickled onion (dark)
- **18 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow** Shell lip, shell (lightest)
- **19 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Lime pith, lime rind (light), lime flesh (lighter)
- **20 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Breast and cheek (light), eye ring and wing spots, brow and throat (darker)
- **21 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Breast (darkest)
- **22 DMC 437 Light Tan** Breast and cheek (middle), neck (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.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Little bird stealing from a taco

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.



1	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	9	DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown	17	DMC 915 Dark Plum
2	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	10	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	18	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	19	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	12	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	20	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
5	DMC 3371 Black Brown	13	DMC 718 Plum	21	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
6	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	14	DMC 3865 Winter White	22	DMC 437 Light Tan
7	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	15	DMC 712 Cream		
8	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	16	DMC 3608 Very Light Plum		

How many strands

Straight stitch. 2 strands: char marks, flank bars, wing spots, eye light; 1 or 2 strands: wing and tail bars; 1 strand: leaf veins, radish hearts.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: legs; 3 strands: feet; 2 or 3 strands: eye line, sprig; 2 strands: shell edge, fallen leaf; 1 strand: eye ring.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Little bird stealing from a taco

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.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Little bird stealing from a taco

6 inch hoop

Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.