Little pelican with a fish

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: mustard yellow cotton or linen.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 14 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of mustard yellow cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sun, body, shoulder, fish, pouch



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail, crest, long wing feathers, wing feathers, fish fins, fish belly, fish eye, mouth, bill, eye, cheek, near sea, second wave, third wave, deep sea



3. **Straight stitch**, 4 strands
   Sun rays



4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Breast feathers, shoulder feathers

5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the sun, edges of the long wing feathers, edges of the wing feathers, edges of the fish fins, edges of the fish, fish scales, edges of the mouth
   3 strands: edges of the tail, edges of the crest, edges of the body, edges of the shoulder, edges of the bill, edges of the pouch, waves
   1 strand: fish smile, pouch folds
   4 strands: ring

6. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Foam



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Eyes, eye highlights



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	**6**	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	**11**	DMC 350 Medium Coral
2	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	**7**	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	**12**	DMC 3824 Light Apricot
3	DMC BLANC White	**8**	DMC 964 Light Seagreen	**13**	DMC 352 Light Coral
4	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	**9**	DMC 3340 Medium Apricot	**14**	DMC 353 Peach
5	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	**10**	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise		

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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