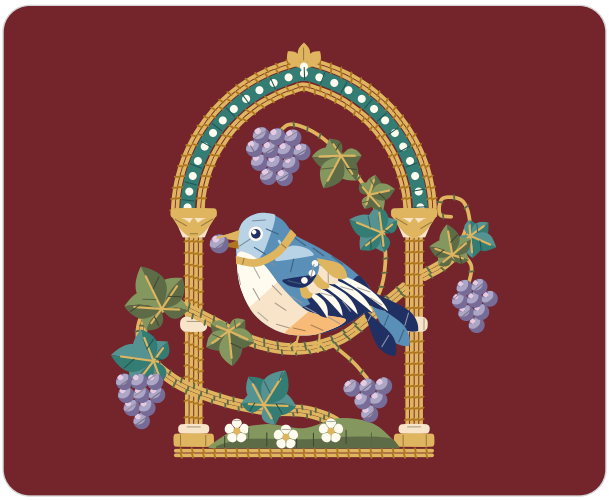
Medieval raised work bird and vine arch

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.1 × 4.4 in (10.4 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: dark red cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Column rings, finial, capitals, column bases, grapes, wing coverts, shoulder, collar
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Arch band, capitals, column bases, tail, bill, eye ring, eye, flowers
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Vine leaves, long wing feathers
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Mound, back, breast
5. **Couching**, strands by part on page 2
   Columns, arch, base line, vine
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, legs, bill
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Back feathers
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Finial, pearls on the arch, shoulder pearls, eye light, flower hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Vine, arch and columns (lighter), leaf veins, capitals (darker) and 8 more parts
- **2 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Arch, columns, base line and bill (darker)
- **3 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Breast (middle), capitals, column bases and wing coverts (lighter), column rings
- **4 DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green**
  Arch band, vine leaves (dark)
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Long wing feathers (lighter), breast (light), pearls on the arch and 5 more parts
- **6 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Vine leaves (darkest), vine and mound (darker)
- **7 DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green** Vine leaves (light)
- **8 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Vine leaves (lightest), mound (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet** Grapes (dark)
- **10 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet** Grapes (middle)
- **11 DMC 211 Light Lavender** Grapes (light)
- **12 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Back and shoulder (dark), tail and long wing feathers (darker), eye
- **13 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Back and shoulder (middle), tail (lighter)
- **14 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Back and shoulder (light), back feathers
- **15 DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown** Breast (dark)

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 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

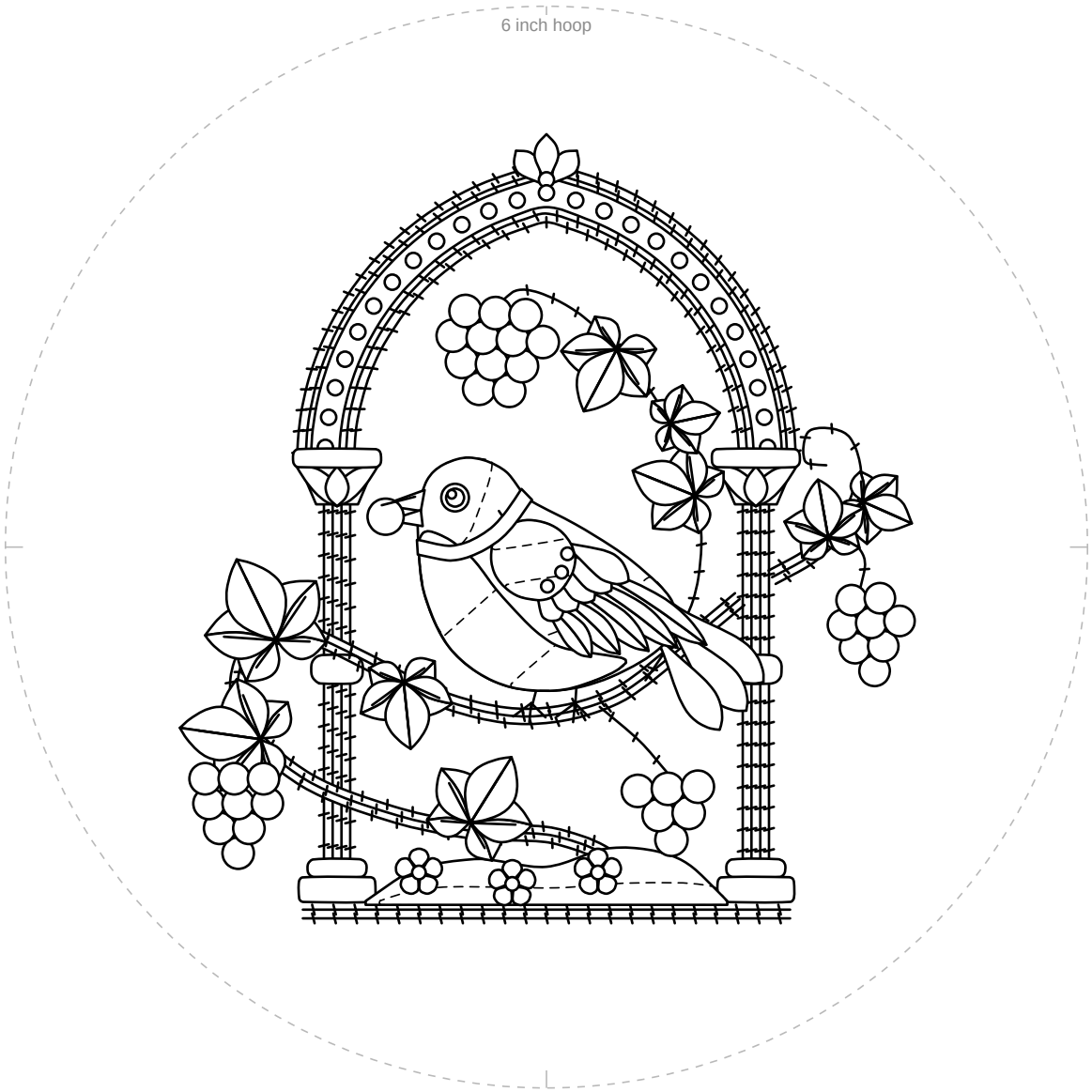
Couching. 6 strands: columns, arch, base line; 5 strands: vine.
Straight stitch. 2 or 3 strands: legs; 2 strands: bill; 1 strand: leaf veins.
French knot. 2 strands: finial, pearls on the arch, shoulder pearls, flower hearts; 1 strand: eye light.

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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

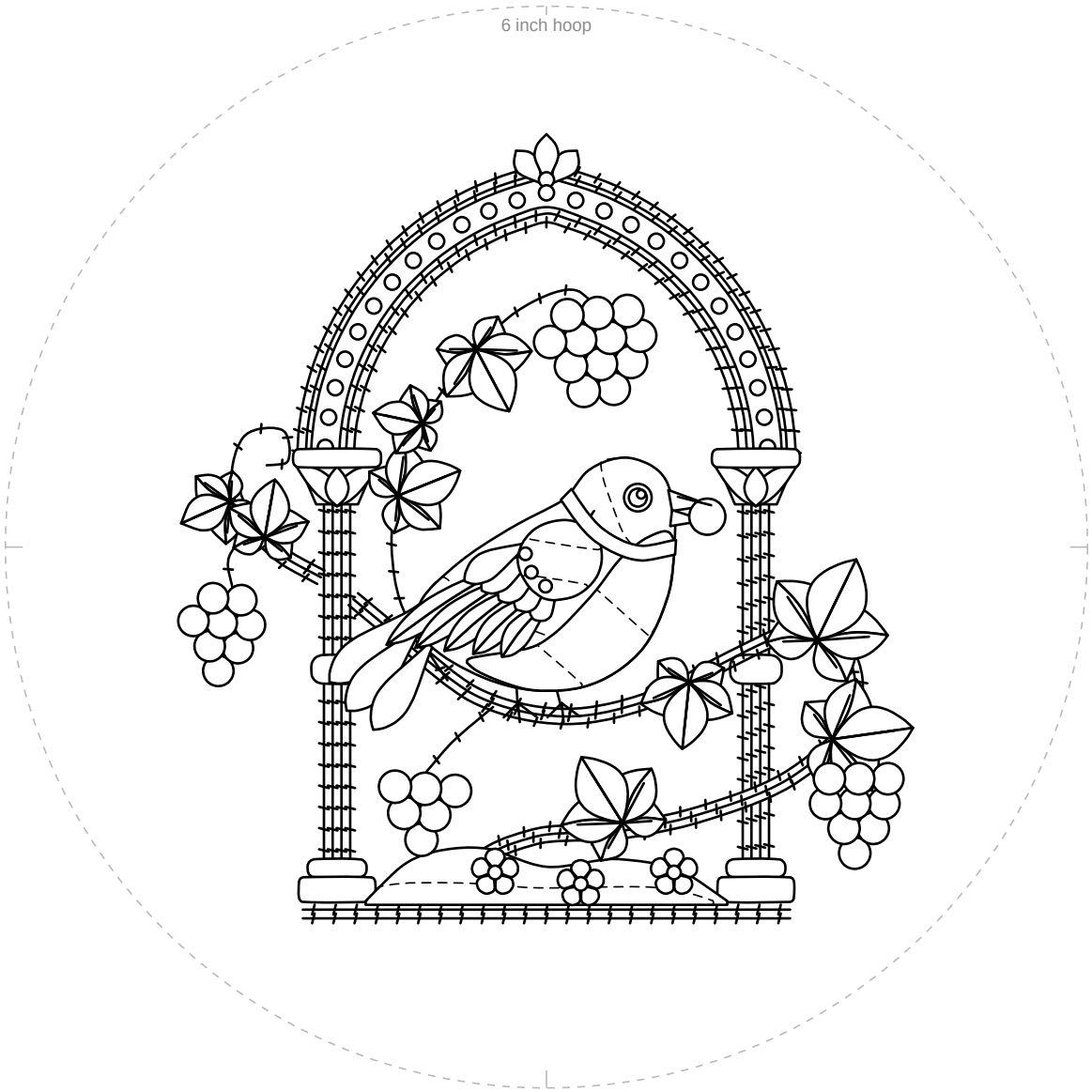
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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