Medieval Russian ornament with griffin

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm).



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

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Wing scales (middle), half palmettes and ground palmette (lighter), feather lines (dark)
- **2 DMC 921 Copper**
  Ring knots (darkest), half palmettes and ground palmette (darker) and 5 more parts
- **3 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Gold ring and vine (lighter), talons, haunch and body (light) and 10 more parts
- **4 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Gold ring and vine (darker), far legs (middle), body and haunch (dark) and 7 more parts
- **5 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Ivory edges (lighter), long wing feathers (light), ring pearls and 5 more parts
- **6 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Far legs (dark), brow and beak line, body, haunch, hind leg and near foreleg (darkest)
- **7 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Ring knots and neck feathers (light), ivory edges (darker)
- **8 DMC 3821 Straw**
  Long wing feathers (middle), haunch and body (lightest) and 10 more parts
- **9 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Ring knots and long wing feathers (dark), feather lines (light)
- **10 DMC 310 Black**
  Eye rim, eye (darker)

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Half palmettes, talons, claws, tail palmette, long wing feathers, wing scales, neck feathers, ears, beak, eye, brow, ground palmette
2. **Couching**, strands by part on page 2
   Vine, far legs, tail, body, near foreleg, hind leg, haunch, wing edge, shoulder, head, ground line, gold ring, ring knots
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Ivory edges, feather lines, beak line, eye rim
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Talon scales
5. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Palmette knots, eye light, ring pearls

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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 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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4	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**8**	DMC 3821 Straw		

How many strands

Couching. 6 strands: vine, ground line, gold ring; 5 strands: ring knots; 4 strands: far legs, tail, body, near foreleg, hind leg, haunch, wing edge, shoulder, head.
Split stitch. 2 strands: ivory edges, beak line; 1 strand: feather lines, eye rim.
French knot. 2 strands: palmette knots, ring pearls; 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

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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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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