Mexican eagle on a prickly pear

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Fruit, blooms, bloom cups, earth, far wing feathers, tail feathers, far wing coverts, far wing, near wing feathers, wing coverts, legs, and 14 more
- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 4 strands
  Fruit edges, cactus edges, bloom edges, earth edge, feather edges, wing lines, feet edges, claws, head edge, beak edge, hummingbird bill
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Fruit crowns, spines, bloom hearts, leg bands, thigh stitches, wing daisies, head feathers, nostril, eye light, hummingbird wing stitches
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Cactus, head
- **Chain stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Earth chain, far wing chain, wing chain
- **Back stitch**, 3 strands
  Earth zigzag
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Earth knots, wing arm knots, hummingbird eye
- **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
  Wing daisies
- **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
  Wing herringbone

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots and the shortest lazy daisy loops are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink**
  Near wing feathers and tail feathers (middle dark), thighs (lighter) and 6 more parts
- **DMC 915 Dark Plum**
  Far wing feathers (dark), thighs (darker), far wing (lighter), fruit edges
- **DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Near wing feathers (middle light), neck feathers (dark) and 11 more parts
- **DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Cactus (darkest), cactus edges
- **DMC 909 Very Dark Emerald Green**
  Cactus, near wing feathers and tail feathers (dark), hummingbird, wing chain (darker)
- **DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Near wing feathers (lightest), spines, neck feathers (light) and 11 more parts
- **DMC 988 Medium Forest Green** Cactus (light)
- **DMC 703 Chartreuse** Cactus (lightest), bloom cups
- **DMC 920 Medium Copper** Earth
- **DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Feather edges (darker), wing lines, far wing feathers (darkest) and 13 more parts
- **DMC 3844 Dark Bright Turquoise**
  Near wing feathers (light), breast feathers (lighter) and 9 more parts
- **DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green**
  Far wing feathers (light), far wing coverts and hummingbird wing (darker)
- **DMC 797 Royal Blue**
  Body, near wing feathers (darkest), far wing feathers (middle) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Neck feathers (middle), head feathers
- **DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow** Head (lighter), eye light
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw** Head (darker)

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.

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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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