Vintage hen with chicks tea towel

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 3.6 in (10.9 × 9.1 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Tail feathers, chick beaks, eyes, chick wings, wing feathers, wing coverts, beak, wattles, cheek, red flowers
- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Tail quills, body outline, wing quills, wing outline, ground, flower stems
- **Split stitch**, 1 strand
  Tail edges, chick edges, feather edges, covert edges, comb edge
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Body, breast feathers, neck feathers, head, rump feathers, under the wing, chicks, comb
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Neck streaks, chick feet, chick down, eye lights, beak line, grass
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Eye lights, flower centers, daisy centers
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaves
- **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
  Daisies

In a 6 inch hoop 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 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Wing feathers and under the wing (lighter), tail feathers (middle), body outline
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Wing feathers and under the wing (darker), tail feathers (dark), wing outline and eyes
- **DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Body, breast feathers and rump feathers (middle), tail quills, neck feathers (darker)
- **DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue**
  Wing coverts (darker), tail feathers (light), neck streaks
- **DMC BLANC White**
  Body and breast feathers (light), neck feathers (lighter) and 7 more parts
- **DMC 3755 Baby Blue**
  Wing coverts (lighter), breast feathers, body and rump feathers (dark), wing quills
- **DMC 740 Tangerine** Beak (lighter), chick feet and chick beaks
- **DMC 727 Very Light Topaz** Chicks (light)
- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Chicks (dark), chick wings, daisy centers and chick down, beak (darker)
- **DMC 726 Light Topaz** Chicks (middle), flower centers
- **DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Chick edges and beak line
- **DMC 321 Red** Comb, wattles and red flowers (lighter)
- **DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Comb edge, comb, wattles and red flowers (darker)
- **DMC 761 Light Salmon** Cheek
- **DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Grass and leaves (darker), ground and flower stems
- **DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Grass and leaves (lighter)

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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6 inch hoop

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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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