Needle painted Japanese rooster

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Hen tail, hen body, hen neck, hen head, hen wing, bamboo post, bamboo rail, tail feathers, breast, and 12 more
- **Split stitch**, 1 strand
  Hen outline, feather shafts, breast scales, wing feather edges, beak line, eye ring
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Hen comb, beaks, bamboo post ends, bamboo rail ends, lashing, legs, claws, feet, ear lobe, comb, wattle, eye
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Hen eye, comb, wattle, eye
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Bamboo joints, leaf twigs
- **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
  Bamboo leaves
- **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
  Foot scales, eye light

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots 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.

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.

Floss

- **DMC BLANC White**
  Hen neck and hen body (light), hen head (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray**
  Bamboo rail and bamboo post (light), hen neck (middle) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray**
  Bamboo rail (middle), bamboo post (dark) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 666 Bright Red** Comb, face and wattle (light), hen comb
- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Feet, legs, lashing and beaks (lighter)
- **DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray**
  Bamboo rail (dark), bamboo post (darkest) and 6 more parts
- **DMC 822 Light Beige Gray**
  Bamboo post (lightest), bamboo joints (lighter)
- **DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Lashing, feet, legs and beaks (darker), foot scales
- **DMC 520 Dark Fern Green** Bamboo leaves (dark), leaf twigs
- **DMC 522 Fern Green** Bamboo leaves (middle)
- **DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green** Bamboo leaves (light)
- **DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise**
  Tail feathers and breast (light), sickle feathers (dark) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Breast (dark), sickle feathers (darkest) and 5 more parts
- **DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue**
  Breast and thighs (middle), tail feathers (dark)
- **DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green**
  Sickle feathers (light), hair feathers (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise**
  Sickle feathers (middle), tail feathers (lightest) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Feather shafts (light), sickle feathers (lightest)
- **DMC 922 Light Copper**
  Neck feathers (middle), back and saddle feathers (light) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Wing feathers (darkest), back and saddle feathers (dark) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Neck feathers and wing feathers (dark) and 5 more parts
- **DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown**
  Neck feathers and head (light), eye (lighter), wing feathers (lightest)
- **DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Shoulder, comb, wing coverts, face and wattle (dark)
- **DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Neck feathers and head (lightest), ear lobe
- **DMC 321 Red** Comb, face and wattle (middle)

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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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