Partridge in a pear tree ornament

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



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Candy twist band, pears, tail, legs, feet, flank bars, gorget, eye, bill, wing bars
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bough, pears, body, face, wing
4. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Inner ring, bill
5. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Outer ring
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pear stalks, eye stripe
7. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pear outline, tail, flank bars, wing feathers, outline
8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Gorget dots, wing dots

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 321 Red**
  Candy twist band, feet, legs and eye stripe, bill (lighter), pears (dark)
- **2 DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Wing, inner ring and gorget, eye (darker)
- **3 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Outer ring, flank bars and bill (darker)
- **4 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Leaves (darker)
- **5 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Leaves (lighter)
- **6 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Bough (lighter)
- **7 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Bough (darker), pear stalks, pears (darkest)
- **8 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Pears (lightest)
- **9 DMC 921 Copper**
  Body (light), tail (lighter), pears (middle dark)
- **10 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Pears (middle light)
- **11 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Pears (light), wing bars
- **12 DMC 781 Very Dark Topaz** Pear outline
- **13 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Body (darkest), tail and outline (darker)
- **14 DMC 922 Light Copper** Body (lightest)
- **15 DMC 920 Medium Copper** Body (dark)
- **16 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Face, wing dots and gorget dots, flank bars and eye (lighter)
- **17 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Outline (lighter), wing feathers

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 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 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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

Back stitch. 2 strands: inner ring; 1 strand: bill.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: eye stripe; 3 strands: pear stalks.
Split stitch. 2 strands: pear outline, flank bars, wing feathers, outline; 1 strand: tail.

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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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