# Pheasant feathers for a black dress

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.5 in (11.9 × 11.4 cm).



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

## Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail feathers, back feathers, flank feathers, breast feathers, white ring, neck feathers
2. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tail bars, tie
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Rump plumes, feather shafts, feather rims
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Rump plumes, quills
5. **Couching**, 3 strands
   Tie

## Floss

- **1 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Back feathers (light), rump plumes (darker)
- **2 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Rump plumes (lighter), back feathers (lightest), feather shafts (dark)
- **3 DMC 921 Copper**
  Tail feathers (shade 3 of 7), breast feathers (light)
- **4 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Breast feathers (dark), tail feathers (shade 1 of 7)
- **5 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany**
  Tail feathers (shade 5 of 7), breast feathers (lightest)
- **6 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Tail bars, flank feathers (darkest)
- **7 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Tail feathers (shade 7 of 7), feather shafts (darkest), white ring (darker), quills
- **8 DMC 437 Light Tan** Tail feathers (shade 6 of 7)
- **9 DMC 712 Cream**
  White ring (lighter), feather shafts (lightest)
- **10 DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve**
  Tail feathers (shade 2 of 7)
- **11 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Tail feathers (shade 4 of 7)
- **12 DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue**
  Back feathers (dark), neck feathers (middle)
- **13 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Neck feathers (dark), back feathers (darkest)
- **14 DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green**
  Back feathers (middle), neck feathers (light)
- **15 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Flank feathers (light), feather rims (lighter), tie (middle)
- **16 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Feather rims (darker), flank feathers and tie (dark)
- **17 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Flank feathers (lightest), feather shafts and tie (light)
- **18 DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Breast feathers (darkest)

## 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.



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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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

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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| **1** | DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue | **7** | DMC 738 Very Light Tan | **13** | DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green |
| **2** | DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue | **8** | DMC 437 Light Tan | **14** | DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green |
| **3** | DMC 921 Copper | **9** | DMC 712 Cream | **15** | DMC 3820 Dark Straw |
| **4** | DMC 918 Dark Red Copper | **10** | DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve | **16** | DMC 782 Dark Topaz |
| **5** | DMC 3776 Light Mahogany | **11** | DMC 435 Very Light Brown | **17** | DMC 3822 Light Straw |
| **6** | DMC 3371 Black Brown | **12** | DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue | **18** | DMC 3834 Dark Grape |

## How many strands

Satin stitch. 2 strands: tie; 1 strand: tail bars.
Split stitch. 2 strands: rump plumes; 1 or 2 strands: feather shafts; 1 strand: feather rims.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: quills; 2 strands: rump plumes.



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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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**6 inch hoop**

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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