Pheasants in flight border for a hem

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 3.3 in (11.2 × 8.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass, far wing, tail, head and neck, collar, beak, cheek, near wing, wing coverts, hem fans, fan hearts
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Body
3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass stalks, wing edge
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather lines
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tail bars, eye light
6. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Body scales
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Ground line
8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Seed heads

Floss

- **1 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Grass (middle)
- **2 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Grass (dark)
- **3 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Grass (light), grass stalks
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Near wing (darker), hem fans (middle), tail (lighter), ground line and seed heads
- **5 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Far wing (middle)
- **6 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Far wing (light)
- **7 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Feather lines (lighter), far wing (dark)
- **8 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Wing coverts (middle), tail (darker), body (dark)
- **9 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Feather lines (darker), tail bars, body scales and wing edge
- **10 DMC 922 Light Copper** Body (light)
- **11 DMC 921 Copper** Hem fans (dark), body (middle)
- **12 DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green**
  Head and neck (lighter), fan hearts
- **13 DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green**
  Head and neck (darker)
- **14 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Wing coverts (light), collar and eye light
- **15 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Near wing (lighter), hem fans (light), beak
- **16 DMC 321 Red** Cheek
- **17 DMC 310 Black** Eye
- **18 DMC 919 Red Copper** Wing coverts (dark)

Stitches, continued

9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye

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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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.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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

Straight stitch. 2 or 3 strands: tail bars; 1 strand: eye light.

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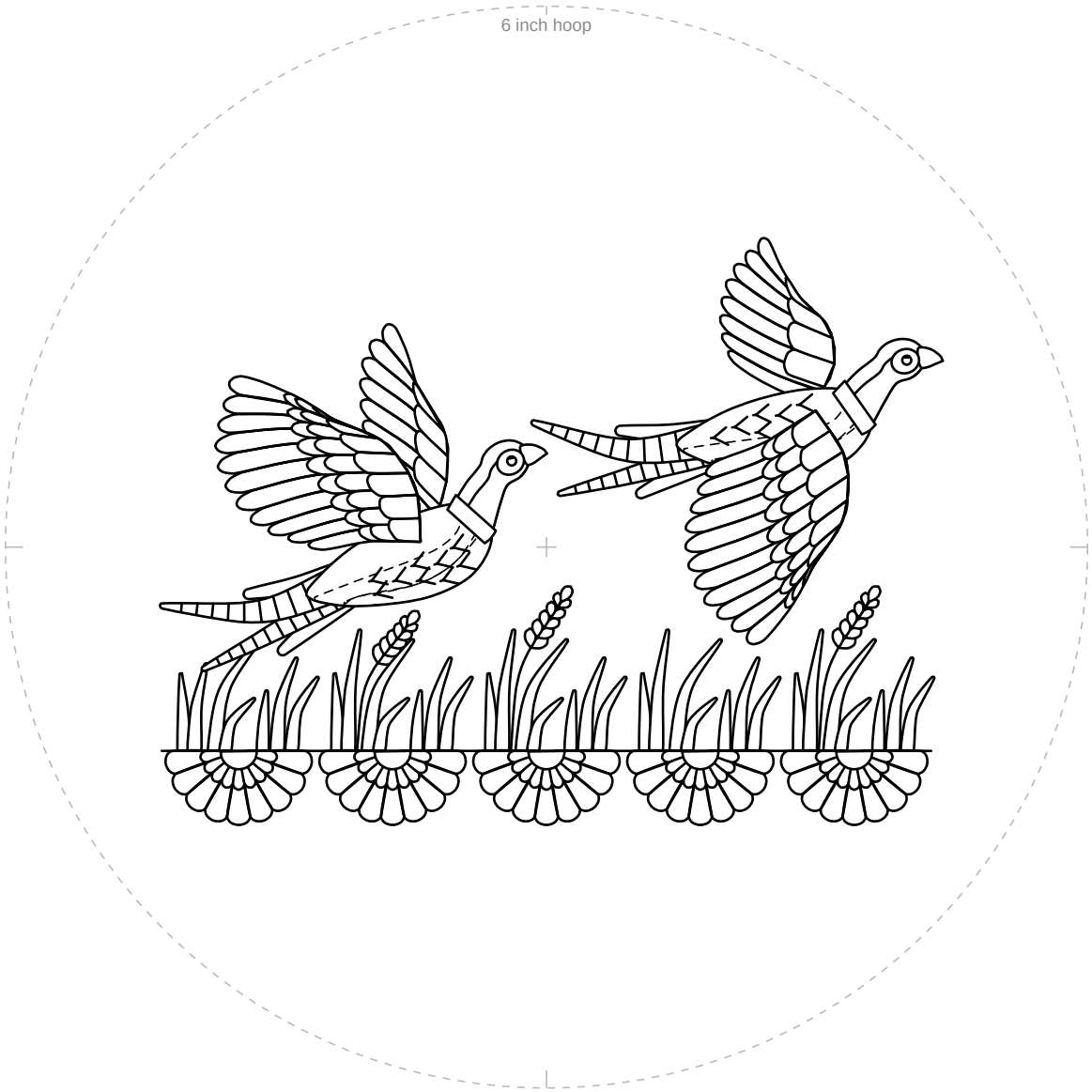
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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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