Pigeon with an iridescent neck

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 3.9 in (10.2 × 9.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Legs, bill, cere, eye, pupil, bread crumb, crust



2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, tail band, thighs, body, flight feathers, wing feathers, wing bars, small wing feathers, wing shield, neck, head



3. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: cobbles, cobble shading
   5 strands: toes

4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather edges

5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye highlight



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 21 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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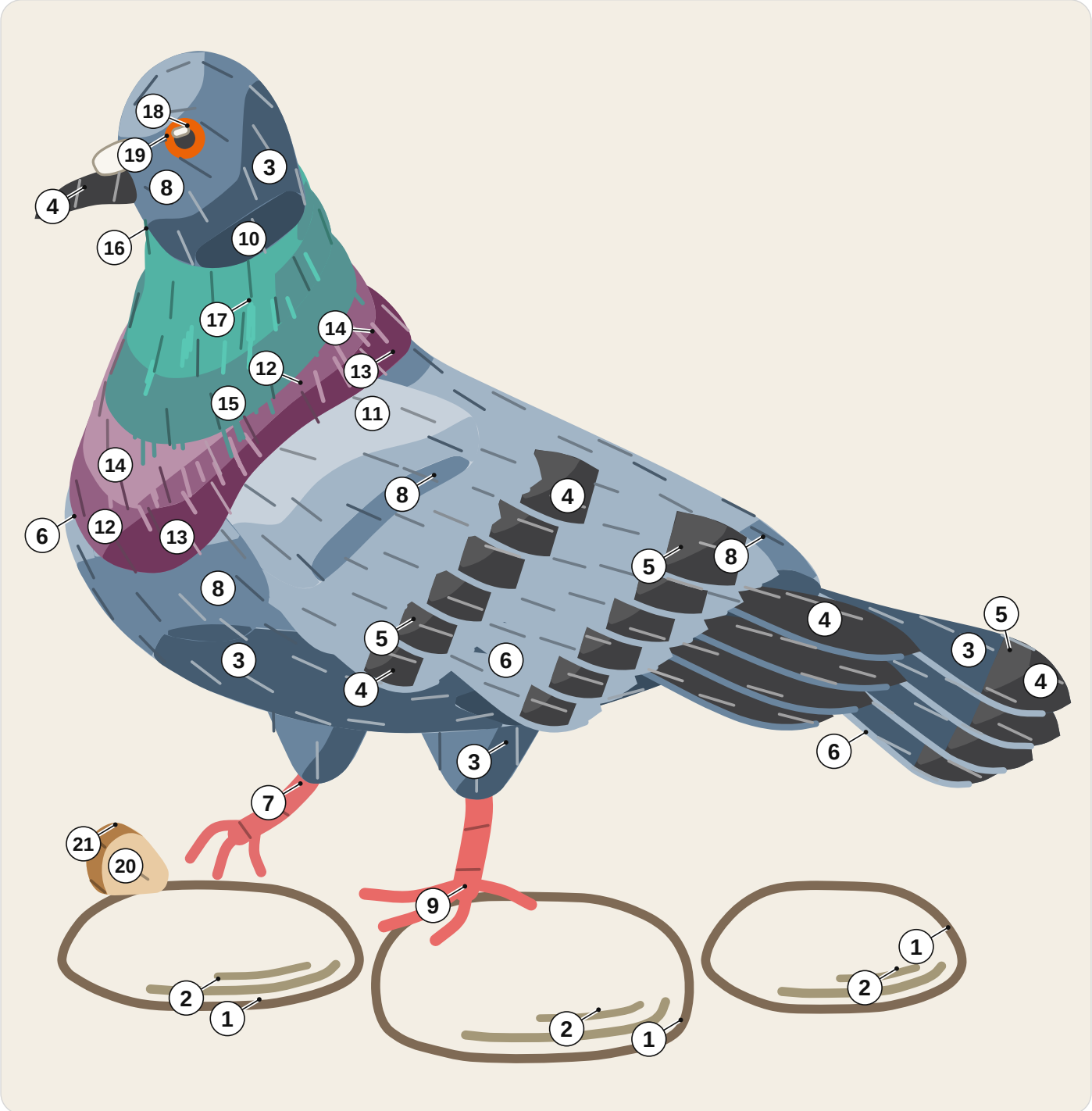
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	8	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	15	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green
2	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray	9	DMC 351 Coral	16	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green
3	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	10	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	17	DMC 959 Medium Seagreen
4	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	11	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	18	DMC 3865 Winter White
5	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	12	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	19	DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange
6	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	13	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	20	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
7	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon	14	DMC 3836 Light Grape	21	DMC 435 Very Light Brown

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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