Primitive barn bookmark

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 1.5 × 4.7 in (3.8 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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: 7 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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Sunflower stem
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Sunflower leaves
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Silo cap, barn roof, loft door, sunflower petals, sunflower center, crow tail, crow body, crow head, crow bill, crow wing, gold star
4. **Running stitch**, 3 strands
   Edge
5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: silo sides
   2 strands: lines of the crow wing
6. **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Silo rings (colors 1 and 4)
7. **Feather stitch**, 3 strands
   Silo rings (color 5)
8. **Chain stitch**
   5 strands: silo rings
   4 strands: cap rim, grass (color 5)
   3 strands: barn boards
   2 strands: barn door (color 4)
9. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Barn door (color 4)
10. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
    Grass (color 5), crow feet
11. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 4 strands
    Silo flowers
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: silo knots, door pulls, knots of the sunflower center
    1 strand: crow eye

Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 931 Medium Antique Blue	**4** DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**7** DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2 DMC 310 Black	**5** DMC 730 Very Dark Olive Green	
3 DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	**6** DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta	

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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 ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a dashed line is running stitch.



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