Quail family parade border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 2.5 in (12.4 × 6.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Lupine petals, leaves, poppy cups, ladybug, pebbles, tails, flank plumes, topknots, white lines, caps, faces, eye rings, eyes, beaks, and 2 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Poppy petals, ground, bellies, breasts, backs, wings, heads, chicks
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Stems, leaves, grass, legs, brows, chick legs, chick stripes, border lines
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, wing feathers, chick necks
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaves, ladybug, legs, plume streaks, eye lights, chick legs
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Ladybug, belly scales

Floss

- **1 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Ground and leaves (lighter), stems, poppy cups and grass
- **2 DMC 333 Very Dark Blue Violet** Lupine petals (dark)
- **3 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet** Lupine petals (light)
- **4 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet** Lupine petals (middle)
- **5 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Ground and leaves (darker)
- **6 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange**
  Poppy petals (dark), petal edges
- **7 DMC 970 Light Pumpkin** Poppy petals (middle)
- **8 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine** Poppy petals (light)
- **9 DMC 310 Black** Faces and eyes, topknots and ladybug (darker)
- **10 DMC 321 Red** Ladybug (lighter)
- **11 DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray** Pebbles, beaks (lighter)
- **12 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Border lines, backs, tails and breasts (dark)
- **13 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Border feathers (lighter), backs and breasts (middle light), tails (lightest)
- **14 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Wings (middle), flank plumes (lighter), legs and chick legs and 6 more parts
- **15 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Bellies (light), white lines and eye lights, plume streaks (lighter)
- **16 DMC 422 Light Hazelnut Brown**
  Wings, backs and breasts (light), bellies (dark), heads (middle), eye rings
- **17 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Bellies (middle), heads (light), plume streaks (darker)
- **18 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Border feathers, flank plumes, belly scales and caps (darker)
- **19 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Backs and breasts (lightest)
- **20 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Wing feathers and chick stripes, wings (dark), backs (darkest) and 4 more parts
- **21 DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold** Chicks (light), brows
- **22 DMC 3821 Straw** Chicks (middle)
- **23 DMC 3826 Golden Brown** Chicks (dark), chick necks

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Ladybug

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

Stem stitch. 3 strands: legs, chick stripes, border lines; 2 or 3 strands: stems; 2 strands: leaves, grass, brows, chick legs.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: plume streaks; 2 strands: leaves, legs, eye lights, chick legs; 1 strand: ladybug.

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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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