Realistic sparrow with a feather

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.1 × 4.3 in (10.4 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Rose stem, rose bud, rose petals, tail feathers, flank, rump, wing feathers, wing coverts, wing bar, shoulder, mantle, nape, chestnut band, and 4 more
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Thorns, sepals, legs, back streaks, eye, bill
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf stalks, leaves, rose stem, feet, feather quill
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf outlines, feather edges, buff streaks, eye ring
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf outlines, stamens, claws, brow, nest feather, bill light
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Anthers, rose hearts, eye light

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green**
  Rose stem, leaves and sepals (middle), leaf outlines (lighter)
- **2 DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green**
  Leaves, rose stem and sepals (dark), leaf outlines (darker), leaf stalks
- **3 DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green**
  Leaves, rose stem and sepals (light), rose hearts
- **4 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Wing feathers and chestnut band (middle), nape (dark) and 4 more parts
- **5 DMC 3326 Light Rose** Rose petals (dark), rose bud (middle)
- **6 DMC 3733 Dusty Rose** Rose petals (darkest), rose bud (dark)
- **7 DMC 818 Baby Pink** Rose petals and rose bud (light)
- **8 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Nest feather (lighter), flank and cheek (light) and 4 more parts
- **9 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Stamens and anthers
- **10 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Tail feathers (lighter), chestnut band (light), mantle (dark) and 2 more parts
- **11 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Wing feathers and wing coverts (dark), tail feathers (darker)
- **12 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Feather edges (middle), mantle and wing feathers (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **13 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Mantle and wing feathers (light), nape (lightest), feet and legs
- **14 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Wing feathers and wing coverts (darkest), back streaks, bill (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **15 DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray**
  Nape (light), rump and gray crown (middle), flank and cheek (dark) and 3 more parts
- **16 DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray**
  Rump and gray crown (light), flank and cheek (middle), nest feather (darker), eye ring
- **17 DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray** Rump and gray crown (dark)
- **18 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Feather edges (light), buff streaks (lighter), feather quill
- **19 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Chestnut band and shoulder (dark)
- **20 DMC 310 Black** Black bib and bill (darker), eye stripe and eye

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. 4 strands: feet; 2 strands: leaf stalks, rose stem, feather quill; 1 strand: leaves.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: claws, brow; 1 or 2 strands: nest feather; 1 strand: leaf outlines, stamens, bill light.
French knot. 2 strands: rose hearts; 1 strand: anthers, 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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