Robin and tulips block

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 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. **Fishbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Frame leaves
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tulip leaves, tulip petals, lawn, tail, breast, belly, back, head, throat, wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder, front grass
3. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Toes, legs, bill, eye, hyacinth leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Frame ring, stems, leaf veins, grass, legs, hyacinth stems
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Petal edges, feather edges, throat, bill line, eye ring
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Stamens

Floss

- **1 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Frame leaves and stems (lighter), lawn (middle), tulip leaves (light) and 3 more parts
- **2 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Frame leaves, front grass and stems (darker), frame ring, tulip leaves and grass (dark)
- **3 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon** Tulip petals (dark), frame berries
- **4 DMC 502 Blue Green** Tulip leaves (middle)
- **5 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Leaf veins, lawn (light)
- **6 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Tulip petals (darkest), petal edges
- **7 DMC 350 Medium Coral** Tulip petals (light)
- **8 DMC 760 Salmon** Tulip petals (lightest)
- **9 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Bill and stamens
- **10 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Lawn (dark), hyacinth leaves (darker), front grass (lighter), grass (middle)
- **11 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Tail (darker), head (middle), wing feathers and back (dark) and 4 more parts
- **12 DMC 3787 Dark Brown Gray**
  Back, wing feathers and wing coverts (middle), head (light) and 2 more parts
- **13 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Belly, eye ring and eye light, throat (lighter), feather edges (light)
- **14 DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray**
  Wing coverts, wing feathers and back (light), feather edges (dark), shoulder (lighter)
- **15 DMC 920 Medium Copper** Breast (dark), toes, legs (lighter)
- **16 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper** Breast (darkest)
- **17 DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany** Breast (lightest)
- **18 DMC 922 Light Copper** Breast (light)
- **19 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Head (dark), eye
- **20 DMC 437 Light Tan** Feather edges (middle)
- **21 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue** Grape hyacinths (light)
- **22 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue** Grape hyacinths (middle)
- **23 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue** Grape hyacinths (dark)

Stitches, continued

7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Frame berries, stamens, eye light, grape hyacinths

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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8	DMC 760 Salmon	**16**	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper		

How many strands

Satin stitch. 2 strands: toes, legs, eye, hyacinth leaves; 1 strand: bill.
Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: stems; 3 strands: frame ring, hyacinth stems; 2 strands: grass; 1 strand: leaf veins, legs.
Split stitch. 2 strands: eye ring; 1 strand: petal edges, feather edges, throat, bill line.
French knot. 2 strands: frame berries, stamens, grape hyacinths; 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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