Scarecrow head with a wren in his hat

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.8 × 4.6 in (9.7 × 11.7 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. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Right face panel, left face panel, face under the brim
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Seam, cheeks, smile, nest hollow, eggs, wren brow, eye, wren bill, hat crown, hat band, hat brim, daisy petals
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buttons, nose
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Kerchief, kerchief knot, wren tail, wren back and head, wren breast, wren wing
5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Sprig leaves
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Straw ruff, straw hair, seam ticks, button thread, smile stitches, tail bars, wing bars, eye light, nest, nest straw
7. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Face edge, button rims, nose edge, kerchief edge, hat edges, hat band edge
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Egg edges, feather edges
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Kerchief dots, daisy hearts

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 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Straw ruff, straw hair and nest straw (darkest), hat edges, nest (shade 2 of 8)
- **2 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Straw ruff, straw hair and hat crown (dark), hat brim (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **3 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Hat crown, straw ruff and straw hair (middle), hat brim (dark) and 2 more parts
- **4 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Straw ruff, straw hair, hat crown, hat brim and nest straw (light), nest (shade 7 of 8)
- **5 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Straw ruff, hat brim and straw hair (lightest), nest (shade 8 of 8) and 3 more parts
- **6 DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige** Right face panel, nest (shade 5 of 8)
- **7 DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige** Left face panel and egg edges
- **8 DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige**
  Face under the brim, face edge and wren bill, nest (shade 3 of 8)
- **9 DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta**
  Kerchief and hat band (dark), kerchief edge, hat band edge and seam and 2 more parts
- **10 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Kerchief, hat band and kerchief knot (middle), nose and seam ticks
- **11 DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise** Buttons
- **12 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Button rims (darker), smile, smile stitches and eye
- **13 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Button rims (lighter)
- **14 DMC 3328 Dark Salmon** Kerchief, hat band and kerchief knot (light), cheeks
- **15 DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown**
  Nest hollow, feather edges, tail bars and wing bars, wren back and head (darkest)
- **16 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Wren breast (lighter), daisy petals, eggs, wren brow and eye light
- **17 DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown**
  Wren tail (lighter), wren back and head (light), wren wing (middle)
- **18 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Wren back and head and wren wing (dark), nest (shade 1 of 8), wren tail (darker)
- **19 DMC 3826 Golden Brown** Wren back and head (lightest), wren wing (light)
- **20 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Wren breast (darker)
- **21 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Sprig leaves (lighter)
- **22 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green** Sprig leaves (darker)

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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7	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	**15**	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown		
8	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	**16**	DMC 3865 Winter White		

How many strands

Straight stitch. 3 strands: straw ruff, straw hair, seam ticks, button thread, smile stitches, nest; 2 strands: nest straw; 1 strand: tail bars, wing bars, eye light.
Stem stitch. 2 to 4 strands: hat edges; 3 strands: face edge; 2 or 3 strands: button rims; 2 strands: nose edge, kerchief edge, hat band edge.

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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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