Slavic goddess in red with birds

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 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. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail feathers, tail eyes, sun rays, headdress, headdress diamonds, hem band, hem diamonds, apron, apron bands, apron flower, and 22 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Skirt, sleeves, neck, hair, face, hands, birds
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tail edges, feather lines, headdress edge, skirt edge, hem edge, bodice edge, face edge, lids, nose, hand edge, bird legs, crests, and 3 more
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Headdress edge, hem edge, apron edge
6. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Sleeve edge, brows, bird edge
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Hand edge, wing bars, branch
8. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Bird feet
9. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye spots, flower heart, apron dots, gold buttons, coral beads, pearls, cuff pearls, wing dots, bird eyes

Floss

- **1 DMC 498 Dark Red** Tail feathers (middle), skirt (dark)
- **2 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Skirt (darkest), tail edges, headdress (darker), tail feathers (dark) and 16 more parts
- **3 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Tail eyes and sun rays (lighter), feather lines and headdress edge and 12 more parts
- **4 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Sleeves (lighter), apron, hem band, shirt yoke and headdress diamonds and 7 more parts
- **5 DMC 321 Red**
  Tail feathers and skirt (light), birds, headdress (lighter) and 13 more parts
- **6 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Skirt (lightest), berries and coral beads, crests (lighter)
- **7 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray** Sleeves (darker)
- **8 DMC 754 Light Peach** Neck (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3771 Ultra Very Light Terra Cotta**
  Hands and face, neck (darker)
- **10 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Hair, braids (darker)
- **11 DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand**
  Hand edge, face edge and nose
- **12 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Brows and lids, bird eyes (darker)
- **13 DMC 352 Light Coral** Cheeks
- **14 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Braids (lighter), hair tips

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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3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**8**	DMC 754 Light Peach	**13**	DMC 352 Light Coral
4	DMC 3865 Winter White	**9**	DMC 3771 Ultra Very Light Terra Cotta	**14**	DMC 433 Medium Brown
5	DMC 321 Red	**10**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: branch; 3 strands: hem edge, collars; 2 strands: feather lines, headdress edge, skirt edge, bodice edge, lids, bird legs, crests, wing bars; 1 strand: tail edges, face edge, nose, hand edge.
Split stitch. 2 strands: sleeve edge, bird edge; 1 strand: brows.
French knot. 2 strands: eye spots, flower heart, apron dots, gold buttons, coral beads, pearls, cuff pearls, wing dots; 1 strand: bird eyes.

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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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