Slavic rushnyk tree of life wall hanging

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.5 × 4.2 in (11.4 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Band diamonds, band triangles, band teeth, pot foot, pot rim, pot band, wings, beaks, tails, crown cup, crown petals, berries, tulip cups, and 5 more
2. **Cross stitch**, 2 strands
   Pot crosses, breast, crown crosses
3. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Band, pot handles, branches
4. **Split stitch**
   3 strands: birds, crown heart
   2 or 3 strands: pot
   2 strands: pot foot, pot rim, wings, collars, crests, tails, crown cup, crown petals, berries, berry stalks, tulip cups, tulip petals, tulips, rosette hearts, rosettes, trunk, leaves
   1 strand: beaks
5. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: legs
   2 strands: bars
   1 strand: lattice
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Lattice
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Eyes, crests

Floss

DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
Rosettes, crown petals, leaves, tails, bars, band triangles and wings and 28 more parts

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.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 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 3, 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 2 and 3 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

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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