Small California quail sketch

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.7 × 4 in (9.4 × 10.2 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.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Oat seeds, grass blades, ground, legs, feet, flank feathers, feather shafts, face, crown, white face lines, bill, eye ring, eye
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, thighs, belly, back, wing feathers, shoulder, wing coverts, breast, head, cheek, plume
3. **Stem stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Grass stems
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Oat whiskers, eye light
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather edges, belly scales, belly edge, flank edges, wing edges, crown edge, face edges, bill line, plume edge

Floss

- **1 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Grass stems and grass blades (darker)
- **2 DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray**
  Grass blades and grass stems (lighter), oat whiskers
- **3 DMC 436 Tan** Oat seeds (darker), thighs (dark)
- **4 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Wing edges, belly (darker), thighs (middle), oat seeds (lighter)
- **5 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Wing coverts and wing feathers (middle), shoulder (lighter), ground and 4 more parts
- **6 DMC 317 Pewter Gray**
  Tail and plume (middle), back and head (dark), plume edge (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Breast and head (light), feather edges (darker), back (lightest)
- **8 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Face and face edges, plume (dark), back (darkest), plume edge (darker) and 3 more parts
- **9 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Back, plume and tail (light), head (middle), breast (dark)
- **10 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Breast (lightest), feather edges (lighter)
- **11 DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown**
  Wing feathers (dark), belly scales, shoulder and cheek (darker) and 3 more parts
- **12 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Belly (lighter), feather shafts and eye ring, thighs (light)
- **13 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Flank feathers and crown
- **14 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Flank edges and crown edge
- **15 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Wing coverts and wing feathers (light)
- **16 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  White face lines and eye light

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.

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

Straight stitch. 2 strands: eye light; 1 strand: oat whiskers.

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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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