# Small quail nest with speckled eggs

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.4 in (11.7 × 11.2 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. **Satin stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Grass blades, egg speckles, clover leaves
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Seed heads
3. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Nest rim, hollow of the nest, eggs, nest, clover leaves, clover flowers, feather
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Grass stems, nest rim, hollow of the nest, nest straw, straw ends, grass bed, clover stems, feather quill
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Seed heads, feather down
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Egg edges, clover markings
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Egg speckles

## Floss

- **1 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Grass stems, grass blades and grass bed (dark)
- **2 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Grass blades and grass bed (middle)
- **3 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Nest rim and nest straw (dark), nest (light), egg speckles (middle) and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 676 Light Old Gold**
  Nest rim, seed heads and straw ends (light)
- **5 DMC 436 Tan**
  Nest rim (middle light), seed heads (middle), straw ends (dark), nest straw (lightest)
- **6 DMC 167 Very Dark Yellow Beige**
  Nest rim (middle dark), nest straw (light) and 2 more parts
- **7 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Nest straw (darkest), hollow of the nest (dark), nest (middle) and 2 more parts
- **8 DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold**
  Nest rim and straw ends (lightest)
- **9 DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown**
  Hollow of the nest (darkest), nest (dark)
- **10 DMC 712 Cream** Eggs (lightest), feather down (lighter)
- **11 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Eggs (darkest), egg edges and feather quill, egg speckles (light)
- **12 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown** Eggs and feather (dark)
- **13 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Eggs (middle)
- **14 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Eggs (light), feather (lightest)
- **15 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Grass blades and grass bed (light)
- **16 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Clover leaves (middle), clover stems
- **17 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green** Clover leaves (dark)
- **18 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green** Clover leaves (light)
- **19 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Clover markings
- **20 DMC 223 Light Shell Pink** Clover flowers (dark)
- **21 DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink** Clover flowers (middle)
- **22 DMC 3865 Winter White** Clover flowers (light)
- **23 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Feather (light), feather down (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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| **1** | DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green | **9** | DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown | **17** | DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green |
| **2** | DMC 3364 Pine Green | **10** | DMC 712 Cream | **18** | DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green |
| **3** | DMC 434 Light Brown | **11** | DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown | **19** | DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green |
| **4** | DMC 676 Light Old Gold | **12** | DMC 841 Light Beige Brown | **20** | DMC 223 Light Shell Pink |
| **5** | DMC 436 Tan | **13** | DMC 738 Very Light Tan | **21** | DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink |
| **6** | DMC 167 Very Dark Yellow Beige | **14** | DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan | **22** | DMC 3865 Winter White |
| **7** | DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown | **15** | DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green | **23** | DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown |
| **8** | DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold | **16** | DMC 3346 Hunter Green | | |

## How many strands

Satin stitch. 2 strands: grass blades, clover leaves; 1 strand: egg speckles.
Long and short stitch. 2 strands: nest rim, hollow of the nest, nest; 1 strand: eggs, clover leaves, clover flowers, feather.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: nest rim, nest straw; 2 or 3 strands: grass bed; 2 strands: hollow of the nest, straw ends, clover stems, feather quill; 1 or 2 strands: grass stems.



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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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**6 inch hoop**

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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