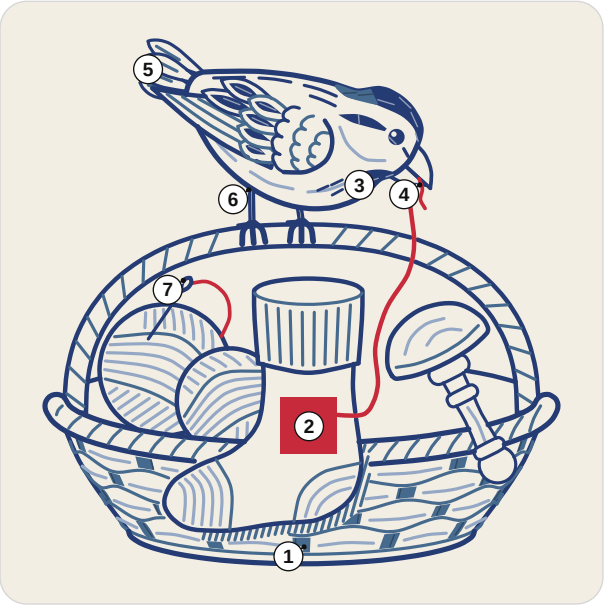
Sparrow on a vintage mending basket

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.1 × 4.2 in (10.4 × 10.7 cm).



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

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 loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point.

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.

Floss

- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Basket handle, basket rim, darning mushroom, sparrow and sock and 18 more parts
- **DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue**
  Basket weave, basket stakes, handle wraps, sock ribs and rim twist and 11 more parts
- **DMC 809 Delft Blue**
  Wool strands, sock toe and wood grain (lighter), basket canes and 3 more parts
- **DMC 321 Red**
  Darn and mending thread

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Basket stakes, tertials, covert centers, eye stripe, eye
2. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Darn
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Cap, bib
4. **Stem stitch**
   5 strands: toes
   4 strands: basket foot, sparrow
   3 or 4 strands: basket rim
   3 strands: basket handle, wool balls, basket wall, darning mushroom, sock, sock cuff, wing
   2 or 3 strands: mending thread
   2 strands: bill
5. **Back stitch**
   2 or 3 strands: darning mushroom
   2 strands: handle wraps, wool strands, basket weave, basket canes, rim twist, wood grain, sock shadow, sock cuff, sock ribs, sock toe, sock heel, tail feathers, tail shafts, breast, back streaks, wing feathers, tertials, wing coverts, shoulder, wing, cheek
6. **Straight stitch**
   4 strands: toes, legs, eye stripe, needle
   2 strands: bib
7. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Needle eye

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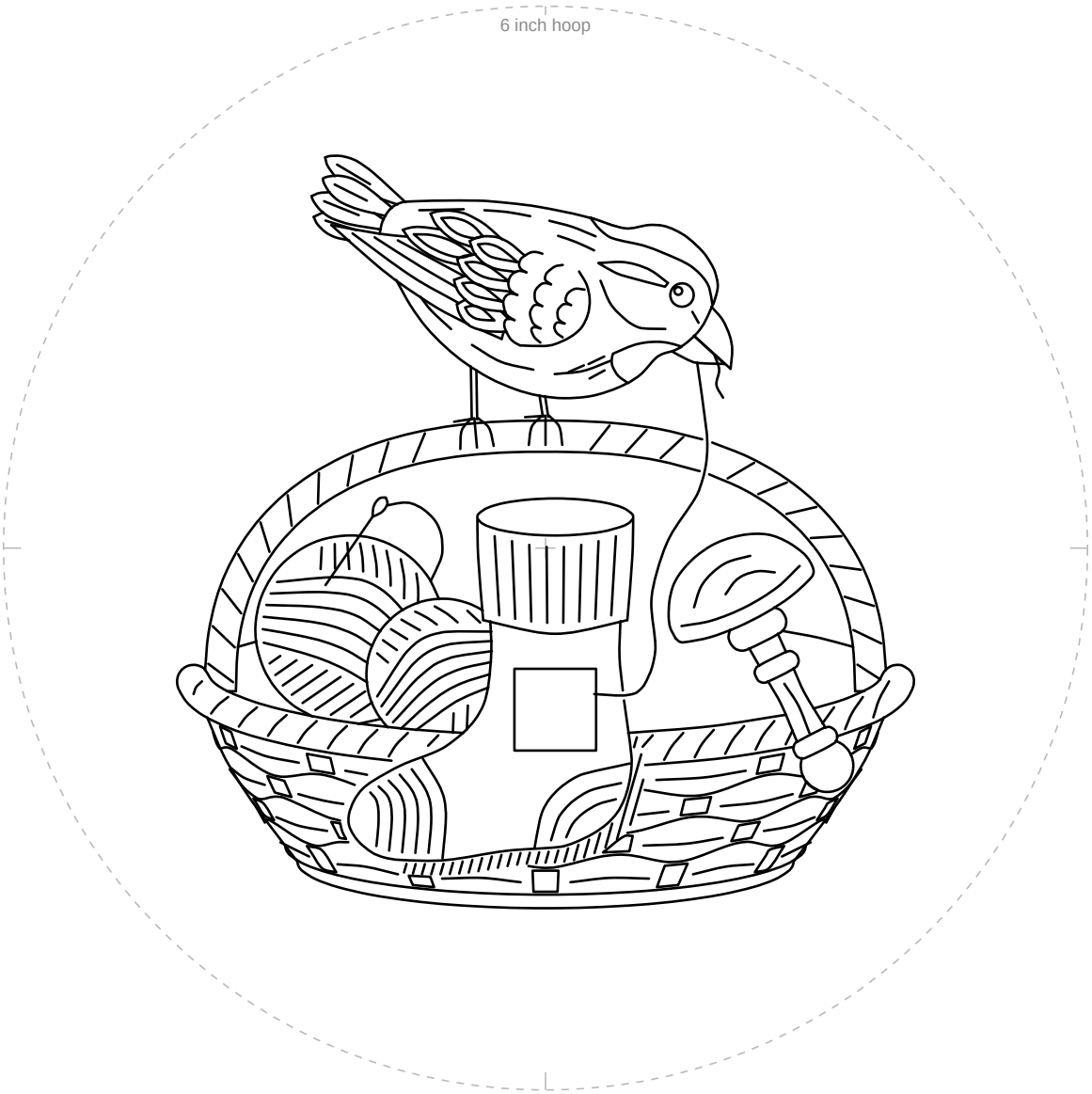
6 inch hoop

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.



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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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