Splish splash bird in a birdbath

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.3 in (11.9 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Pedestal, pedestal foot, bowl, rim, water, wing feathers, wing coverts, wing edge, belly, crown, blue gray cheeks, face and breast, splash
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyes, bill, open mouth, water drops, grass, daisy petals
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pedestal, flutes, rim, ripples, flower stems
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather edges, eye rings
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Drop lights
6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Daisy petals
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye lights, daisy hearts, forget-me-nots, forget-me-not hearts

Floss

- **1 DMC 647 Medium Beaver Gray**
  Bowl, rim, pedestal and pedestal foot (dark)
- **2 DMC 645 Very Dark Beaver Gray**
  Bowl, rim, pedestal and pedestal foot (darkest), flutes, bill (lighter)
- **3 DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray**
  Rim, bowl, pedestal foot and pedestal (light)
- **4 DMC 3072 Very Light Beaver Gray**
  Rim, bowl, pedestal foot and pedestal (lightest)
- **5 DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue**
  Water (lightest), splash (light), ripples (lighter)
- **6 DMC 3842 Very Dark Wedgwood** Water (darkest)
- **7 DMC 3760 Medium Wedgwood**
  Water (dark), water drops (darker), forget-me-nots
- **8 DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue**
  Splash (dark), water (light), water drops (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Belly (light), daisy petals, splash (middle), ripples (darker) and 2 more parts
- **10 DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown**
  Wing feathers, wing coverts, crown and wing edge (dark)
- **11 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Wing feathers and crown (darkest), bill (darker), eyes
- **12 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Wing coverts and wing edge (middle), wing feathers and crown (light)
- **13 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Crown and wing feathers (lightest), wing edge and wing coverts (light) and 2 more parts
- **14 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Belly (middle), feather edges
- **15 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue** Blue gray cheeks (darker)
- **16 DMC 921 Copper** Face and breast (light)
- **17 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Face and breast (darkest), eye rings
- **18 DMC 920 Medium Copper** Face and breast (dark)
- **19 DMC 922 Light Copper** Face and breast (lightest)
- **20 DMC 351 Coral** Open mouth
- **21 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Grass (middle)
- **22 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green** Grass (light), flower stems
- **23 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green** Grass (dark)
- **24 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Daisy hearts and forget-me-not hearts

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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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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8	DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue	16	DMC 921 Copper	24	DMC 3820 Dark Straw

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: flower stems; 2 strands: pedestal, rim, ripples; 1 strand: flutes.
French knot. 2 strands: daisy hearts, forget-me-nots; 1 strand: eye lights, forget-me-not hearts.

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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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