Tamale in an open corn husk

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Stems, chili light, husk ribs, tamale ribs
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaves, marigolds, marigold hearts, blue corn, corn leaves, blue flowers, blue flower hearts, chilies, chili caps, husk strips, tamale, and 4 more
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Marigold knots, corn kernels, filling knots, knot groups
- **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
  Corn silk
- **Chain stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Leaf edges, husk edges, tamale edge, filling edge, bow edges

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

Floss

- **DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse**
  Leaf edges and stems, leaves and filling knots (lighter)
- **DMC 702 Kelly Green**
  Corn leaves and chili caps, leaves (darker)
- **DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Marigolds (middle), tamale edge and filling edge
- **DMC 742 Light Tangerine**
  Tamale (darker), marigolds (light), tamale ribs
- **DMC 351 Coral**
  Marigolds (dark), chili light and knot groups, filling knots (darker)
- **DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Chilies, filling and marigold hearts
- **DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Husk edges and marigold knots, tamale (lighter)
- **DMC 3806 Light Cyclamen Pink**
  Bow edges, bow folds and corn silk, bow (lighter)
- **DMC 797 Royal Blue**
  Blue corn
- **DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Corn kernels (darker)
- **DMC 3845 Medium Bright Turquoise**
  Blue flowers, corn kernels (lighter)
- **DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink**
  Bow (darker), blue flower hearts
- **DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Husk strips and husk tail
- **DMC 436 Tan**
  Husk ribs

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**
   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.

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6 inch hoop

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25.4 mm

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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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