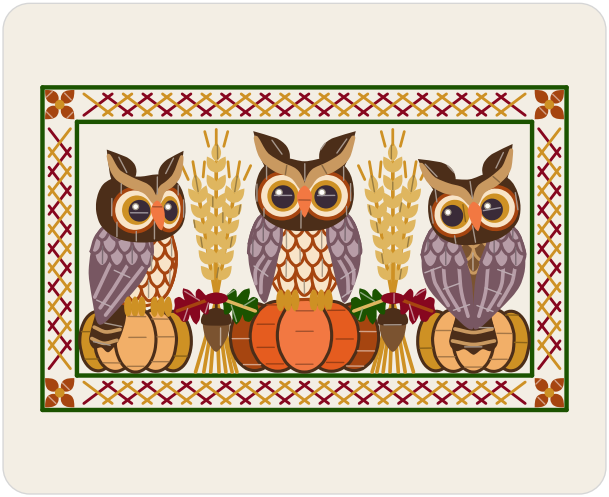
Thanksgiving owls for a table runner

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 2.6 in (10.9 × 6.6 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 and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Corner leaves, wheat ears, pumpkins, acorns, acorn caps, oak leaves, sheaf ties, tail, breast, wings, wing shoulders, feet, head, face, and 5 more
2. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Frame lines, wheat stalks, leaf veins, tail bars, wing feathers, face edges
3. **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Herringbone
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Wheat beards, acorn caps
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pumpkin ribs, feather edges

Floss

- **1 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Frame lines, oak leaves (lighter)
- **2 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Herringbone and oak leaves (darker), sheaf ties
- **3 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Herringbone (lighter), wheat stalks, eyes and feet, pumpkins (light) and 2 more parts
- **4 DMC 919 Red Copper**
  Feather edges (middle), pumpkins (darkest), face edges and 2 more parts
- **5 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Wheat ears, leaf veins (lighter)
- **6 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Head, pumpkin ribs, tail and acorn caps
- **7 DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice** Pumpkins (dark)
- **8 DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice**
  Pumpkins (middle), bills
- **9 DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold**
  Pumpkins (lightest)
- **10 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Back and acorns
- **11 DMC 436 Tan**
  Brows and tail bars, feather edges (light)
- **12 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Breast and face
- **13 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Wings, feather edges (dark)
- **14 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Wing shoulders and wing feathers
- **15 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Pupils
- **16 DMC BLANC White** Eye lights

Stitches, continued

6. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Corner knots, eye lights

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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot.

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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6	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**12**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: frame lines; 2 strands: wheat stalks, tail bars, wing feathers, face edges; 1 strand: leaf veins.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: acorn caps; 1 strand: wheat beards.
Split stitch. 2 strands: pumpkin ribs; 1 strand: feather edges.
French knot. 2 strands: corner knots; 1 strand: eye lights.

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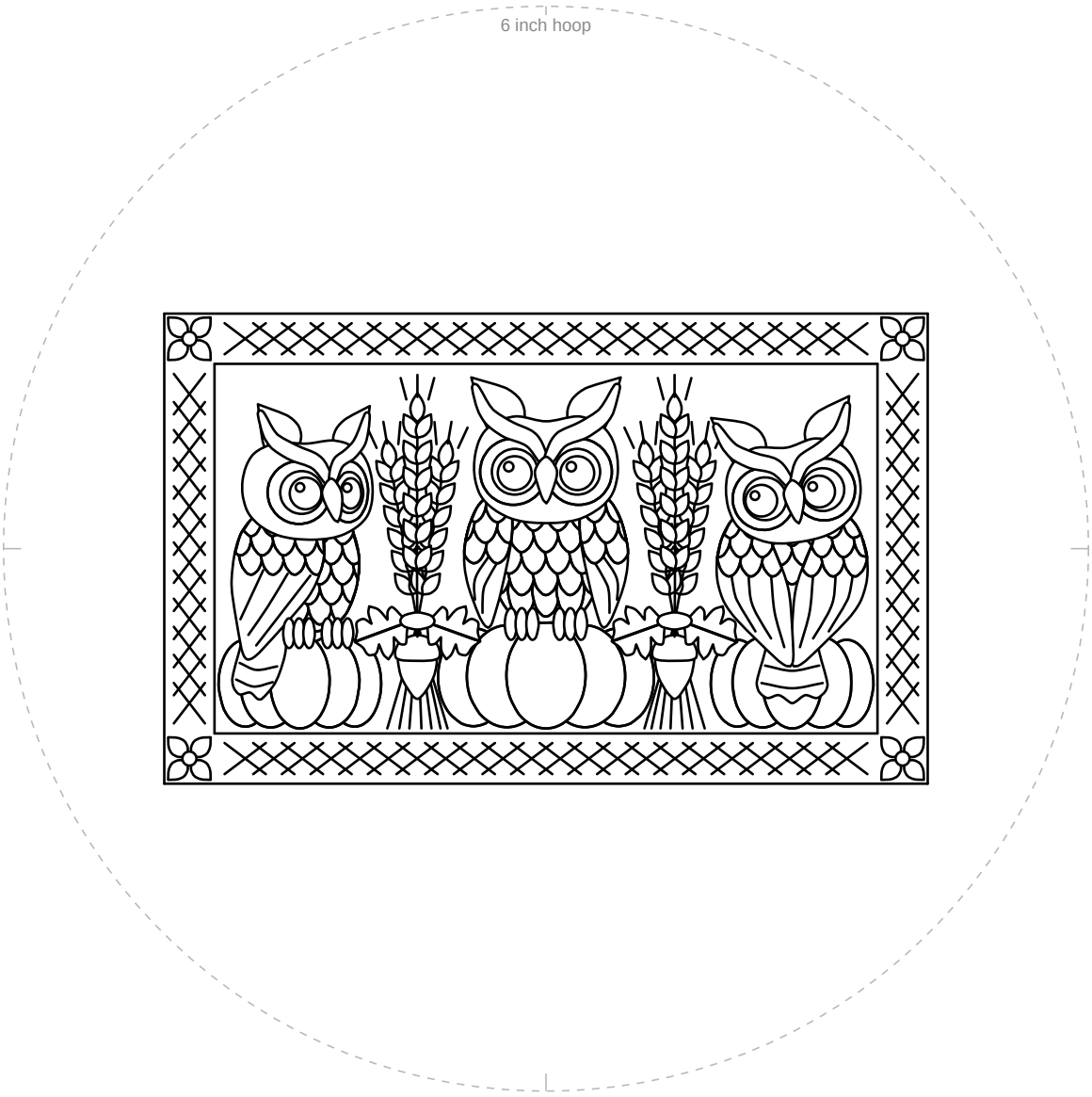
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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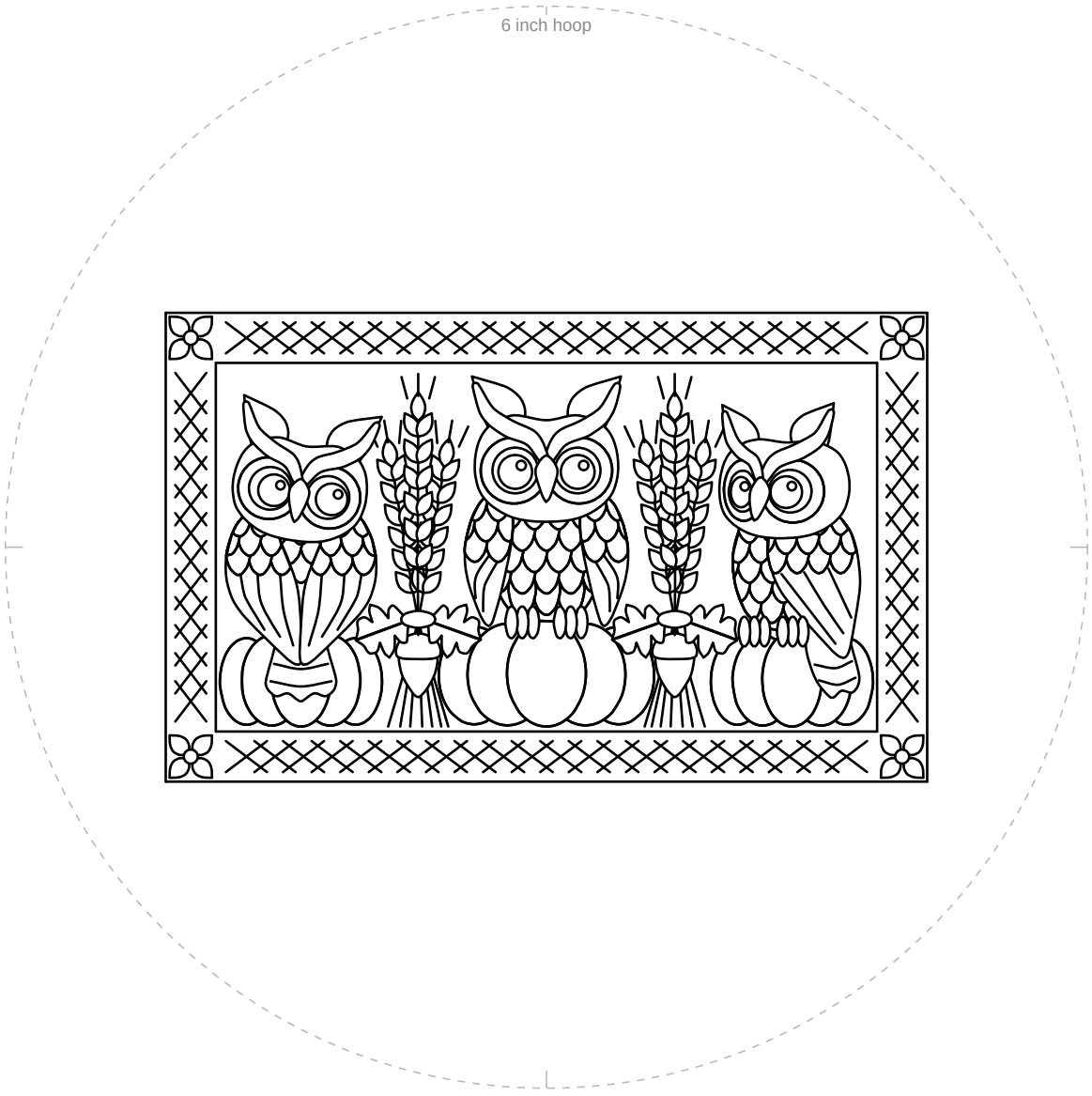
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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