Cottage birdhouse with hollyhocks

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.1 × 4.6 in (10.4 × 11.7 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, loops, knots and raised parts.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Chimney, chimney top, chimney pots, door frame, door, entry rim, entry hole, window frame, window, window box, thatch edge, eye stripe, and 4 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ground, post, braces, walls, sill, thatch, thatch ridge, tail, breast, cheek, cap, collar, wing, hollyhocks, hollyhock leaves
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Foxglove leaves, hollyhock leaves
4. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Hollyhocks
5. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Chimney bricks, window lead, hazel rods
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Chimney bricks, trailing leaves, hazel rods, eye light, feet, leaf veins, lavender leaves, grass
7. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Wall edges, door boards, hinges, ridge edge, feet, straws, foxglove stems, hollyhock stems, lavender stems
8. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Wing edges, breast line, eye ring
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Lavender
10. **French knot**
    strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Door knob, window box flowers, foxglove lips, foxglove buds, hollyhock eyes, hollyhock buds, thrift
11. **Bullion knot**, 3 strands
    Foxgloves

Floss

- **1 DMC 3771 Ultra Very Light Terra Cotta** Walls and chimney (middle)
- **2 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Walls (dark), sill and post (middle), braces (lighter) and 6 more parts
- **3 DMC 945 Tawny** Walls, chimney and path stones (light), hollyhocks (lightest)
- **4 DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown**
  Post and sill (dark), hazel rods and ridge edge, braces (darker) and 4 more parts
- **5 DMC 680 Dark Old Gold**
  Thatch and thatch ridge (dark), thatch edge (middle), breast (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **6 DMC 729 Medium Old Gold**
  Thatch and thatch ridge (middle), breast (dark), thatch edge (light) and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Ground and hollyhock leaves (dark), lavender stems (darker) and 3 more parts
- **8 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Hollyhock leaves and ground (middle), lavender stems (lighter) and 5 more parts
- **9 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Grass and lavender leaves, ground and hollyhock leaves (light) and 3 more parts
- **10 DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold**
  Thatch ridge and thatch (lightest), door frame (lighter), post (light) and 3 more parts
- **11 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green** Door (lighter)
- **12 DMC 502 Blue Green** Door (darker)
- **13 DMC 676 Light Old Gold** Thatch and thatch ridge (light), entry rim (middle)
- **14 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray** Entry hole, feet, bill, eye and hinges
- **15 DMC 794 Light Cornflower Blue**
  Window and cap (lighter), lavender and wing (light), wing edges, cheek (darker)
- **16 DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue**
  Wing and lavender (middle), tail (lighter), window and cap (darker)
- **17 DMC 712 Cream** Cheek (lighter), window lead, wing bar, eye ring and eye light
- **18 DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve**
  Hollyhocks (darkest), hollyhock eyes (darker), window box flowers (dark)
- **19 DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Hollyhocks (dark), foxgloves (lighter), thrift (darker), window box flowers (middle)
- **20 DMC 3689 Light Mauve**
  Hollyhocks and window box flowers (light), foxglove lips, thrift (lighter)
- **21 DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown**
  Thatch and thatch ridge (darkest), thatch edge (dark)
- **22 DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue**
  Wing and lavender (dark), collar, eye stripe and breast line, tail (darker)
- **23 DMC 727 Very Light Topaz** Breast (lightest), hollyhock eyes (lighter)
- **24 DMC 3835 Medium Grape** Foxgloves (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. 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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How many strands

Back stitch. 2 strands: hazel rods; 1 strand: chimney bricks, window lead.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: trailing leaves, eye light, feet, lavender leaves, grass; 1 strand: chimney bricks, hazel rods, leaf veins.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: hollyhock stems; 3 strands: ridge edge, foxglove stems; 2 or 3 strands: wall edges; 2 strands: hinges, feet, straws; 1 strand: door boards, lavender stems.
Split stitch. 2 strands: breast line; 1 strand: wing edges, eye ring.
French knot. 2 strands: door knob, window box flowers, foxglove buds, hollyhock eyes, hollyhock buds, thrift; 1 or 2 strands: foxglove lips.

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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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