Three sparrows on a snowy branch

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 3.8 in (11.9 × 9.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tails, branch, bellies, wings, backs, heads, caps, eye stripes
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Branch end, eyes, bills, cones
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snow cap, snow
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Tails, branch end, wing feathers
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bark, wing feathers, feet, eye stripes
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Back streaks, bills, larch needles

Floss

- **1 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Tails, backs, wings, cones and caps (dark), eye stripes (lighter), needle buds
- **2 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Bark and tails (darkest), back streaks and eyes, eye stripes (darker)
- **3 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Wings, caps and backs (middle), bark (light), bellies (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Bellies (dark), wings, backs and cones (light), tails (lightest)
- **5 DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown**
  Branch, bark (dark), bills (darker)
- **6 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Bark (lightest), bills (lighter)
- **7 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Bellies (middle), wing feathers (darker), heads (dark), branch end (lighter)
- **8 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Bellies (light), heads (middle), wing feathers (lighter)
- **9 DMC 712 Cream** Heads (light), bellies (lightest)
- **10 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Caps (light), larch needles (darker), feet
- **11 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Snow and eye lights, snow cap (lighter)
- **12 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Snow cap (darker)
- **13 DMC 922 Light Copper** Larch needles (lighter)

Stitches, continued

7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye lights, needle buds, cones

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

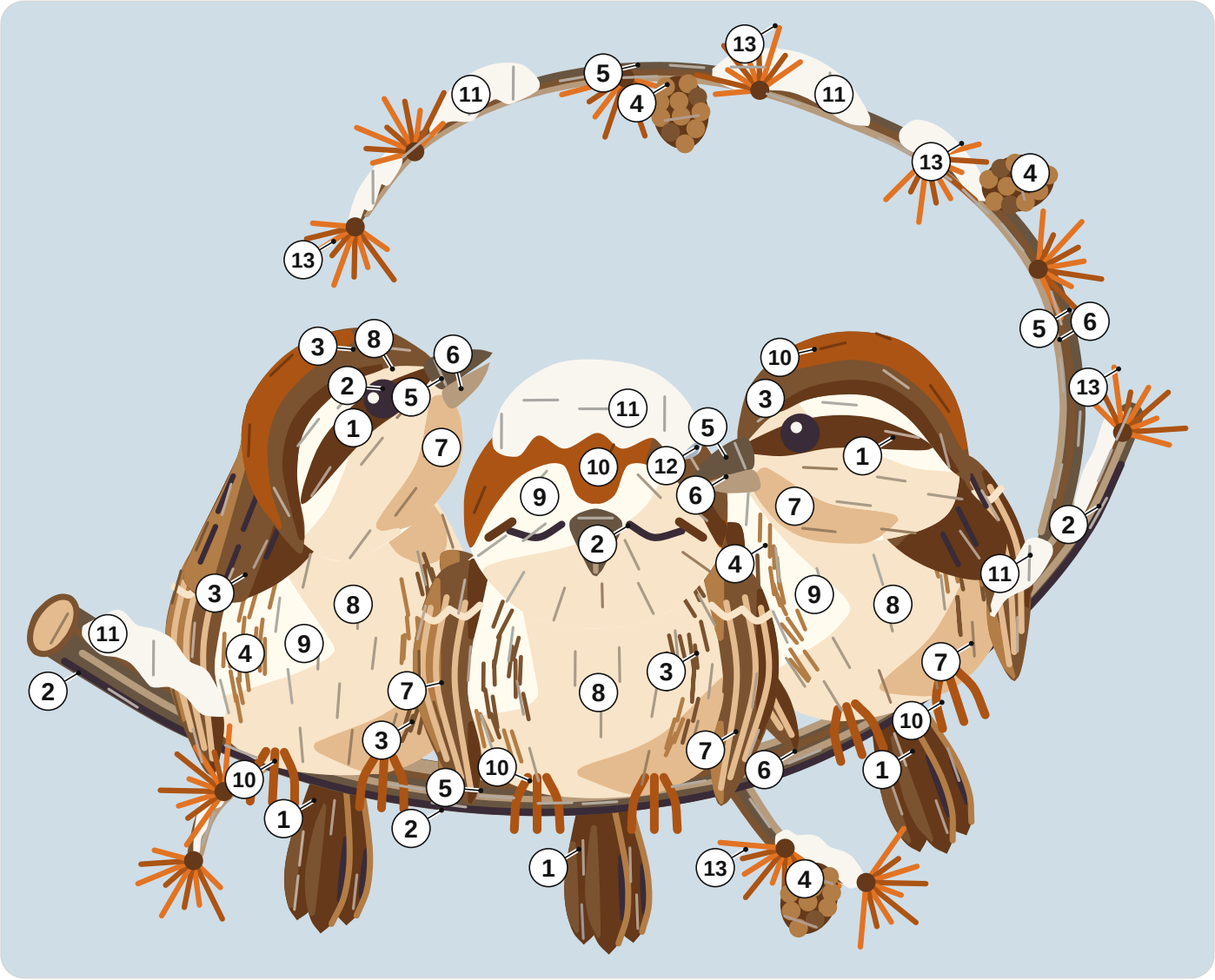
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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. 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

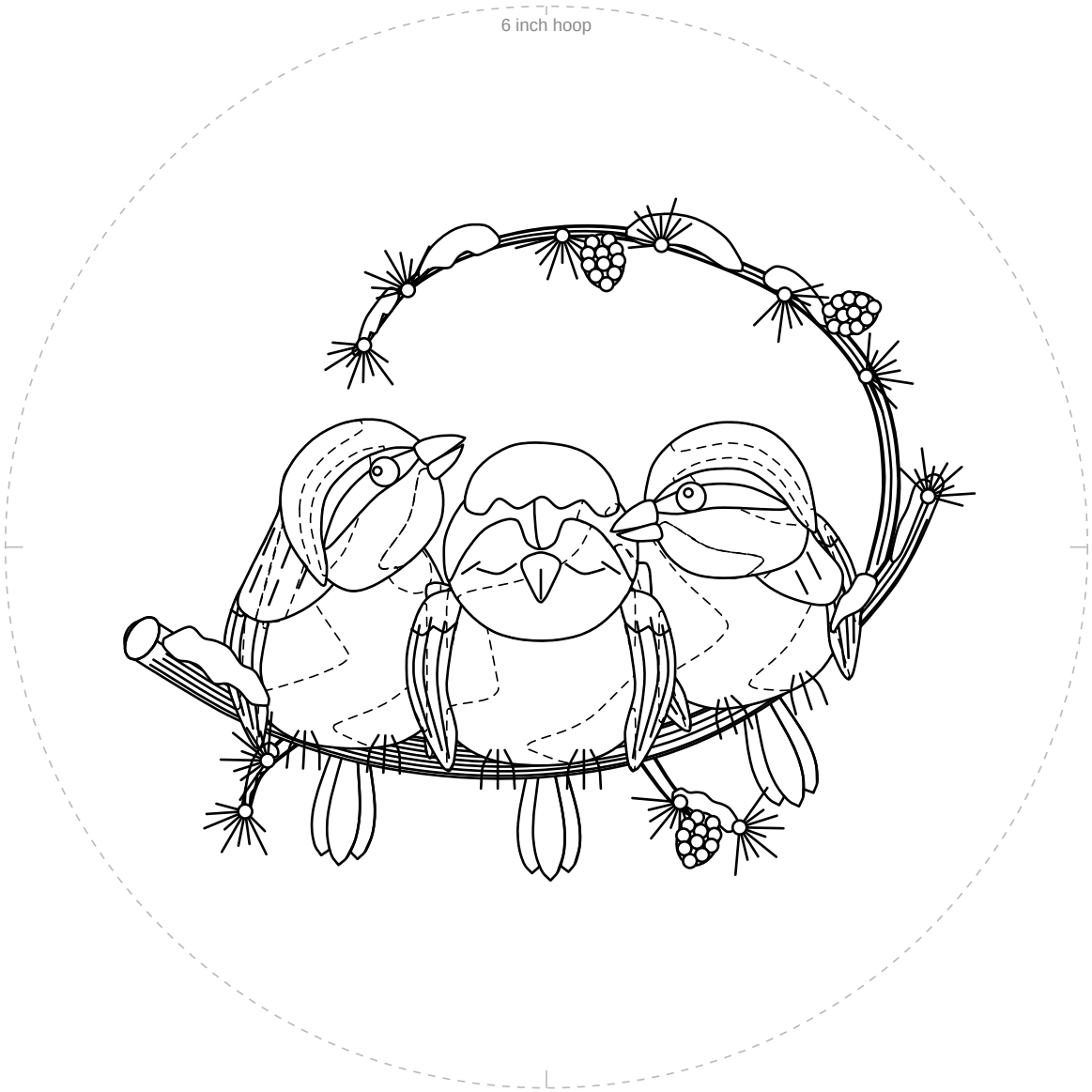
Stem stitch. 3 strands: feet; 2 or 3 strands: eye stripes; 2 strands: bark, wing feathers.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: back streaks, larch needles; 1 strand: bills.
French knot. 2 strands: needle buds, cones; 1 strand: eye lights.

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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

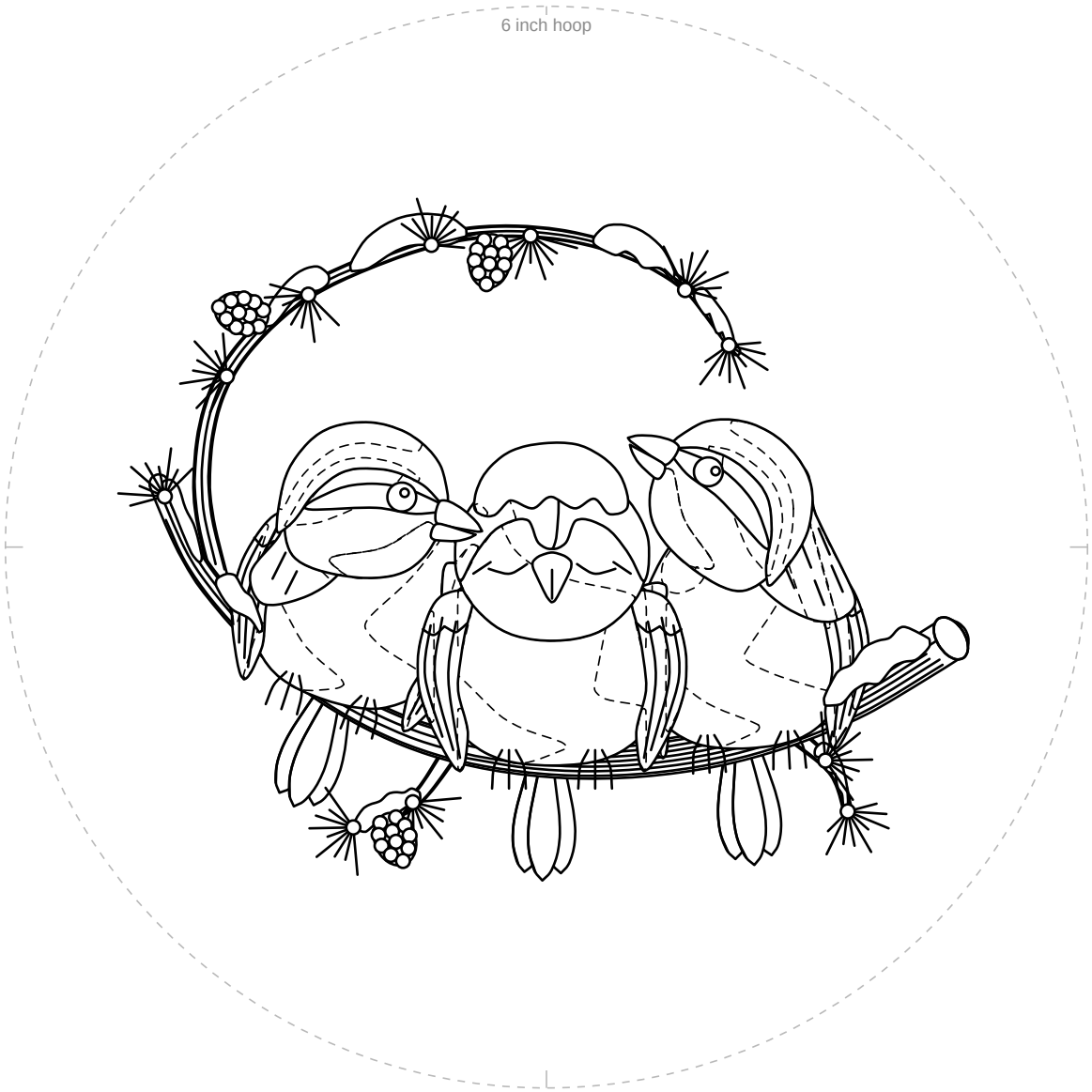
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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