Turkey family in tall grass

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 3.8 in (11.4 × 9.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: tall grass
   2 strands: seed heads (color 4)

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Turf, hen tail, hen thighs, hen body, hen feathers, poults, poult wings, flight feathers, small wing feathers, poult heads, hen neck, hen head, hen face (color 20)



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Grass blades, turf blades, hen toes, hen legs, poult bills, poult stripes, poult eyes, hen face (color 10), hen bill, hen eye ring, hen eye, oxeye centers, ladybug



4. **Fly stitch**
   2 strands: seed heads (color 4)
   1 strand: neck feathers



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail feather edges (color 7), feather tips, edges of the poult stripes, flight feather edges, hen bill line

6. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: turf edge, poult legs (color 6)
   1 strand: tail feather edges (color 7)
   2 strands: lines of the poult stripes, flower stems

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: poult legs (color 6), glints, lines of the poult stripes
   1 strand: eye highlights



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Oxeye petals, clover leaves



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: caruncles
   1 strand: ladybug head



10. **Bullion knot**
    2 strands: hen snood
    3 strands: clover



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 502 Blue Green	9	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	17	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
2	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	10	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	18	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
3	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	11	DMC 437 Light Tan	19	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
4	DMC 834 Very Light Golden Olive	12	DMC 920 Medium Copper	20	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon
5	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	13	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	21	DMC 743 Medium Yellow
6	DMC 433 Medium Brown	14	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	22	DMC 3687 Mauve
7	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	15	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	23	DMC 321 Red
8	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	16	DMC 3865 Winter White		

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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25.4 mm

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