Turkey with a wheat tail fan

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.8 in (12.4 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 300; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Wheat awns
2. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Wheat stalks
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail feathers, ground, thighs, small wing feathers, neck, body, breast feathers, shoulder feathers, caruncles, head
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wheat grains, tail feather tips, tail feather bars, legs, feet, wing feathers, wing bars, wattle, beak, eye ring, eye, snood, pumpkins, pumpkin stalks
5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: stubble, beard
   1 strand: eye highlight
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Wing feather edges, feather edges
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the caruncles

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

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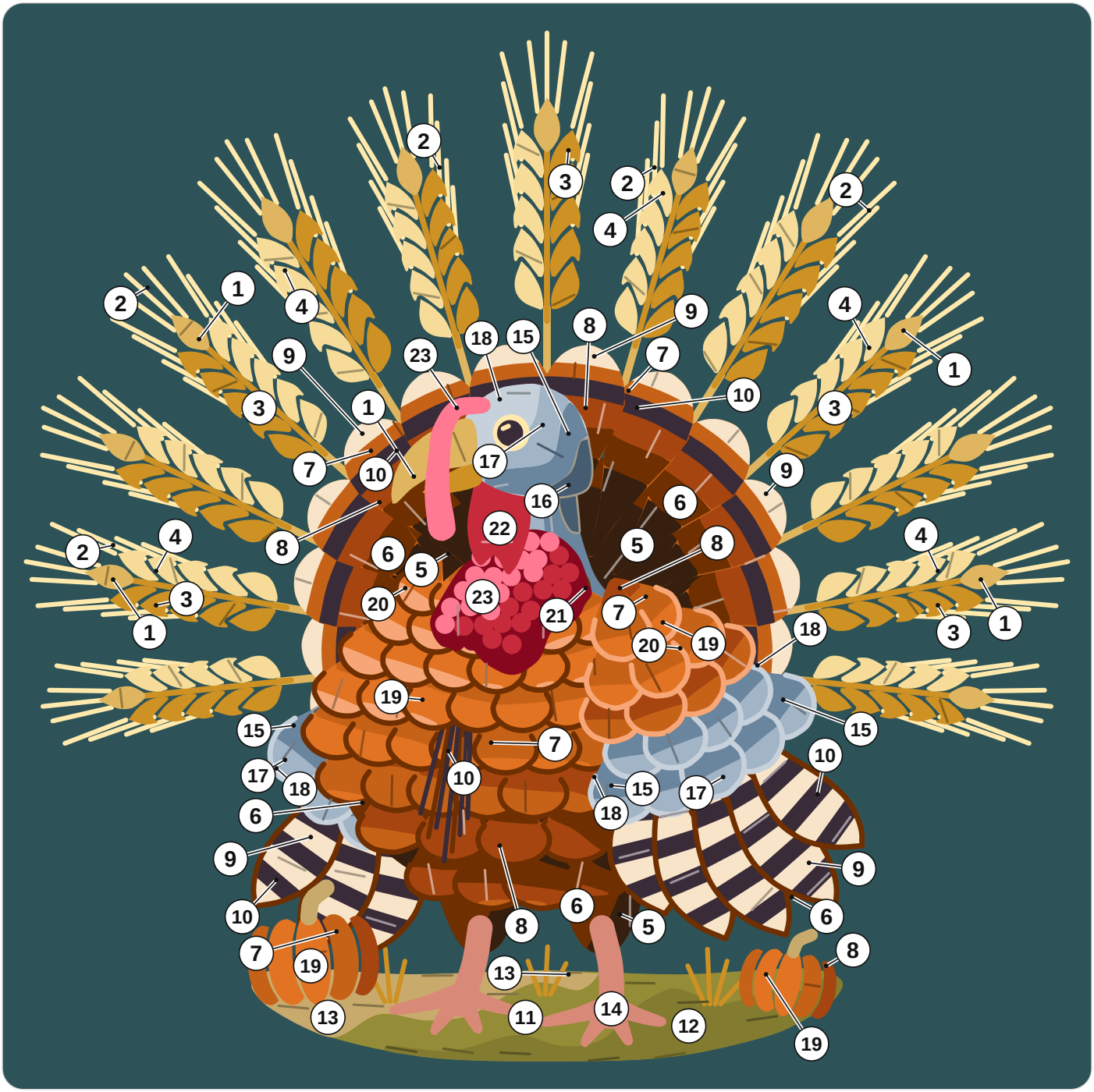
A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	9	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	17	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
2	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	10	DMC 3371 Black Brown	18	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue
3	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	11	DMC 732 Olive Green	19	DMC 922 Light Copper
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	12	DMC 730 Very Dark Olive Green	20	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany
5	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	13	DMC 833 Light Golden Olive	21	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	14	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta	22	DMC 321 Red
7	DMC 921 Copper	15	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	23	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
8	DMC 919 Red Copper	16	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue		

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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