Typewriter alphabet with a blackbird

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Letters, spool, tail, body, head, wing feathers, shoulder edge, shoulder



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon, wound ribbon, spool rim, spool hub, eye, bill



3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Inky edges, edges of the spool rim, feather edges, eye ring

4. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: wound ribbon lines, edges of the spool rim
   3 strands: legs (color 5)

5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: eye highlight
   2 strands: legs (color 5)



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

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.

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.

Buy: 18 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 413 Dark Pewter Gray	7	DMC 666 Bright Red	13	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
2	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	8	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	14	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
3	DMC 321 Red	9	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	15	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
4	DMC 498 Dark Red	10	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	16	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
5	DMC 310 Black	11	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	17	DMC 3821 Straw
6	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	12	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	18	DMC 3705 Dark Melon

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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 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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