Ukrainian wedding rushnyk with birds

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.6 in (12.2 × 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 and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, berries, carnation petals, carnation hearts, flower cups, tulip petals, rose petals, rose inner petals, rose star, rose heart, and 19 more



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Bodies



3. **Stem stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Main stem, branches, berry stalks

4. **Straight stitch**, 4 strands
   Feet



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Gold knots, collar knots, eye centers



Floss

- **1 DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Wing feathers (middle), flower cups and branches and 9 more parts
- **2 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Leaves (lighter), wing feathers (light)
- **3 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Leaves (darker), wing feathers (dark), eye centers
- **4 DMC 321 Red**
  Bodies, carnation petals and tail feathers (lighter), border bars and 8 more parts
- **5 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Tail feathers, rose petals and carnation petals (darker) and 4 more parts
- **6 DMC 712 Cream**
  Rose star, pot band, collars, heart middle and eyes, carnation hearts (lighter)
- **7 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Wing coverts (lighter), gold knots, pot rim, bills and feet, carnation hearts (darker)
- **8 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Tulip petals and bodies (darker)
- **9 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Wing coverts (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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

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. 4 strands: main stem; 3 or 4 strands: branches; 2 strands: berry stalks.

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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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