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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.8 in (12.4 × 12.2 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
   Leaves, bough, eggs, nest, tail, breast, flank, back, wing, head, throat
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, nest hollow, brow, eye, bill
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaves, leaf stalks, berry stalks, twigs in the nest, wren legs, words
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry lights, bars, eye light
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Eggs
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Wing spots, words

Floss

- **1 DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green** Leaves (shade 2 of 7)
- **2 DMC 3346 Hunter Green** Leaves (shade 3 of 7)
- **3 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green** Leaves (shade 5 of 7)
- **4 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Leaves (shade 7 of 7)
- **5 DMC 469 Avocado Green**
  Leaves (shade 4 of 7), berry stalks and leaf stalks
- **6 DMC 470 Light Avocado Green** Leaves (shade 6 of 7)
- **7 DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green** Leaves (shade 1 of 7)
- **8 DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray**
  Bough (light), breast (darkest), bill (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown** Bough (darkest)
- **10 DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown** Bough (dark)
- **11 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown** Breast (dark), bough (lightest)
- **12 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue** Words, berries (lighter)
- **13 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue** Berries (darker), eye
- **14 DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue** Berry lights
- **15 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Nest hollow, wing, nest, twigs in the nest, back and head (darkest), bill (darker)
- **16 DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise** Eggs (light)
- **17 DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green** Eggs (dark)
- **18 DMC 598 Light Turquoise** Eggs (middle)
- **19 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Nest, tail, head and wing (middle), back (light), flank
- **20 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Wing, nest, tail, twigs in the nest, back and head (dark), bars (darker)
- **21 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Twigs in the nest, wing, tail, head and nest (light), back (lightest) and 2 more parts
- **22 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Twigs in the nest, wing, head and nest (lightest)
- **23 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Breast (light), throat (darker)
- **24 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Breast (lightest), throat (lighter), brow, wing spots and eye light

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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4	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	**12**	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue	**20**	DMC 433 Medium Brown
5	DMC 469 Avocado Green	**13**	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	**21**	DMC 437 Light Tan
6	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	**14**	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	**22**	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
7	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	**15**	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**23**	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
8	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	**16**	DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise	**24**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: words; 2 or 3 strands: wren legs; 1 to 3 strands: twigs in the nest; 2 strands: berry stalks; 1 strand: leaves, leaf stalks.
French knot. 2 strands: words; 1 strand: wing spots.

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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.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

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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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