Winter cardinals on a birdhouse

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Sky, far hill, fir woods, hills, snow, near firs, post, walls, lit door, snow on the roof, peg, female tail, female, female wing, far wing, and 3 more
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Snow on the firs, female crest, eye lights, crest lines
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Shingles, floor, gable boards, door rim, icicles, bills, masks, eyes
- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Corner board, feet, bill lines, bittersweet vine, edge
- **Split stitch**, 1 strand
  Female wing lines, feather edges
- **French knot**, 3 strands, two wraps
  Berries

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Floss

- **DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany** Sky (light)
- **DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  Sky (darkest), edge
- **DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Sky and far hill (dark)
- **DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet**
  Sky (middle), hills, snow and snow on the roof (dark), far hill (light)
- **DMC 951 Light Tawny** Sky and female (lightest)
- **DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Far hill (middle), hills, snow and snow on the roof (darkest), fir woods (lighter)
- **DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green**
  Near firs (lighter), fir woods (darker)
- **DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Snow, hills and snow on the roof (light), icicles
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Snow on the roof, hills and snow (lightest), snow on the firs and eye lights
- **DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green** Near firs (darker)
- **DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown**
  Shingles, post, female wing and peg (dark), bittersweet vine and floor, female (darkest)
- **DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Walls, door rim, corner board, masks and feet, shingles (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige**
  Shingles and post (light), female (dark), gable boards (darker) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige**
  Female and peg (light), shingles (lightest), gable boards (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 922 Light Copper** Lit door (dark), bills
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Lit door (middle)
- **DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow** Lit door (light)
- **DMC 321 Red**
  Near wing and male (middle), berries (darker), female tail (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Feather edges, far wing and tail (darker), near wing and male (dark) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Male and near wing (light), feather edges and berries (lighter)

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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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