Year of the rooster with peony

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4.4 in (9.9 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Satin scallop feather, legs, feet, thighs, breast feathers, saddle feathers, wing feathers, wing coverts, shoulder, neck feathers, comb, and 9 more
2. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Buttonhole feather
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tail feather edges, peony stem
5. **Herringbone stitch**, 3 strands
   Herringbone feather
6. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Chain feather
7. **Feather stitch**, 3 strands
   Feather stitch feather
8. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Fly stitch feather
9. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Eye light
10. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Knot feather, peony heart knots, shoulder knots

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 353 Peach**
  Thighs and fly stitch feather, satin scallop feather and peony petals (light)
- **2 DMC 349 Dark Coral**
  Comb, saddle feathers and satin scallop feather (dark) and 6 more parts
- **3 DMC 351 Coral**
  Peony petals and breast feathers (middle), neck feathers (dark) and 2 more parts
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Tail feather edges, neck feathers and saddle feathers (light) and 10 more parts
- **5 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise**
  Tail feather edges (dark), wing feathers (darker)
- **6 DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Herringbone feather, buttonhole feather (lighter), wing coverts (dark) and 3 more parts
- **7 DMC 712 Cream**
  Tail feather edges (lightest), chain feather (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **8 DMC 562 Medium Jade**
  Tail feather edges (middle), wing feathers (lighter), leaves (darker)
- **9 DMC 563 Light Jade**
  Feather stitch feather, buttonhole feather (darker), leaves (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **10 DMC 3835 Medium Grape**
  Tail feather edges (darkest), shoulder (darker), breast feathers (dark)
- **11 DMC 310 Black** Eye

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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 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 3820 Dark Straw	**8**	DMC 562 Medium Jade		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: peony stem; 3 strands: tail feather edges.

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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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