

WANDERING THREADS EMBROIDERY

# Holiday Birds Ornament Set Embroidery Pattern



# Materials List

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- Fabric:

Size - Fabric square measuring 5" x 5" for each ornament

Weight - A medium weave fabric such as a cotton, muslin, flour sack, or a linen blend is the easiest for stitching.

Color - The examples are shown on a dark gray fabric, but the pattern can be stitched on white or any other color.

- Embroidery Hoop: Size 3-inch

- Embroidery Needle: Size 7 or 8

- Items for Pattern Transfer:

Water Soluble Pen, Iron-On transfer pen, Transfer Paper, or Stick & Stitch Paper (See the Pattern Transfer Instructions)

- Small Scissors

- DMC Embroidery Floss:

816, 644, 3362, 3787, 3347, 743

- Felt for finishing the embroidery ornaments:  
(See How to Finish Embroidery Ornaments)

- Glue Gun

- Ribbon for hanging the ornaments

# Embroidery Pattern Transfer Instructions

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## Light Table/ Window:

Place the pattern on a light table or tape it to a bright window. Position the fabric on top and secure in place. Trace the pattern onto the fabric using a water erasable transfer pen. The markings from this pen will remain until washed gently with water.

\*Pro tip: A computer or tablet screen makes a great light box! Simply open this PDF on your computer, tape the fabric over the pattern on the screen, and trace it. No printer needed!

## Iron On Transfer Pencil or Pen:

Iron on transfer pens and pencils can be found at many fabric/craft stores. First, print the REVERSE IMAGE pattern. Trace the pattern with the iron on pencil or pen. Place the traced pattern on an iron-safe surface and secure the fabric on top. Press a hot iron on the fabric for 5-10 seconds. Do not move the iron around. Gently lift an edge of the fabric to check that the design has transferred before removing the fabric.

\*This method will leave permanent marks that need to be covered with stitches.

## Transfer Paper:

Transfer Paper can be found at many fabric or craft stores. It is coated on one side with a powdery ink that will wash out of the fabric.

## Transfer Paper (continued)...

To use, secure your fabric to a flat, hard surface, cover with a piece of transfer paper (powder side down) and place the printed pattern on top. Trace the pattern using a pencil, or stylus. Press very firmly and make sure the paper does not move.

This method works well for transferring patterns to dark fabric. A white or yellow transfer paper shows up nicely.

## Stick & Stitch Transfer Paper

This dissolvable, sticky-backed, transfer paper can be drawn on by hand, or printed on using a printer. The pattern goes on the rough (non-sticky) side of the paper. If tracing by hand, use a light-colored pen or pencil and don't press too hard. If using a printer, make sure the setting is for plain, not photo, paper.

Once the pattern is on the paper, lay the fabric flat on a hard surface, remove the backing from the transfer paper, place the pattern on top, and press firmly. Stitch as usual.

When finished stitching, place the fabric in a shallow bowl of lukewarm water. Make sure the water completely covers the fabric. Leave it for 5-10 minutes. Shake the fabric in the water to remove any loose bits of semi-dissolved paper. Rinse and lay flat to dry.

# How to Finish Embroidery Ornaments

## A step-by-step guide to framing your ornaments in the Hoop

1. Using the inner ring of the embroidery hoop, trace a circle on the felt and cut it out. Customize the back by stitching the date, a name, or a message on the felt.

2. Place the finished embroidery in the hoop, stretch it smooth and tighten the screw. Trim the excess fabric around the edges roughly a half-inch wider than the hoop.

3. Cut off a long piece of embroidery floss. Make sure it's long enough to stitch all the way around the circle. Leaving a 3-4-inch tail at the beginning, stitch around the edge with Running Stitch.

4. When you've stitched all the way around, grasp both ends of the thread and pull until the fabric gathers together. Tie a knot and cut off the excess thread.

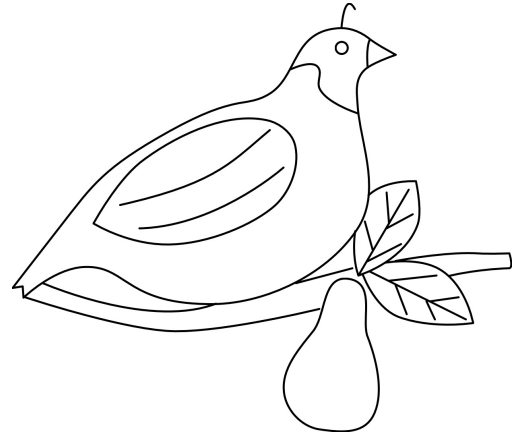
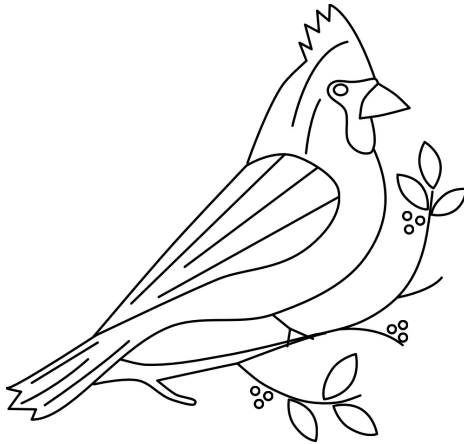
5. Position the felt circle over the back and either sew it into place with a whip stitch or secure it with a bead of hot glue. (I normally prefer to sew on the felt backing, but for these small hoops, the glue gun is much easier.)

6. Finish by cutting an 8" piece of ribbon for each ornament and tying a loop to the screw on top of the hoop.



# Full Size Design

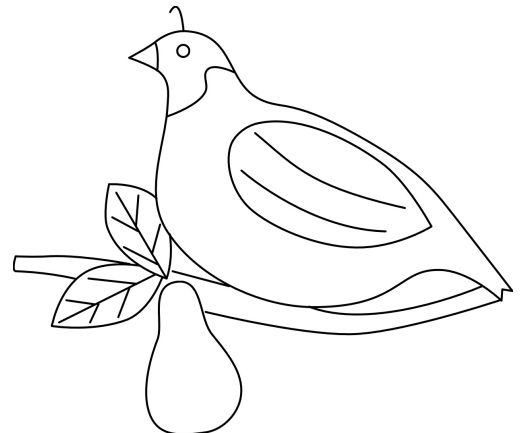
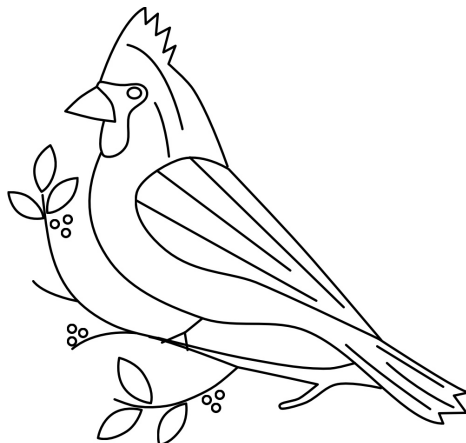
Each Design Fits in a 3-Inch Hoop



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## Reverse Image for Iron-On Transfer

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# Color & Stitch Guide

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## Cardinal:

Color - DMC 816

Stitch - Stem,  
4 strands (body outline),  
2 strands (wing & inner details)

## Beak & Feet:

Color - DMC 743

Stitch - Back, 2 strands

## Face:

Color - DMC 3787

Stitch - Back, 2 strands

## Branch:

Color - DMC 3787

Stitch - Split, 2 strands

## Leaves:

Color - DMC 3362

Stitch - Fishbone, 2 strands

## Berries:

Color - DMC 644

Stitch - French Knot,  
2 strands, wrap x 2

## Eye:

Color - DMC 3787

Stitch - French Knot, 2 strands

## Dove:

Color - DMC 644

Stitch - Stem, 3 strands

## Olive Leaves:

Color - DMC 3362

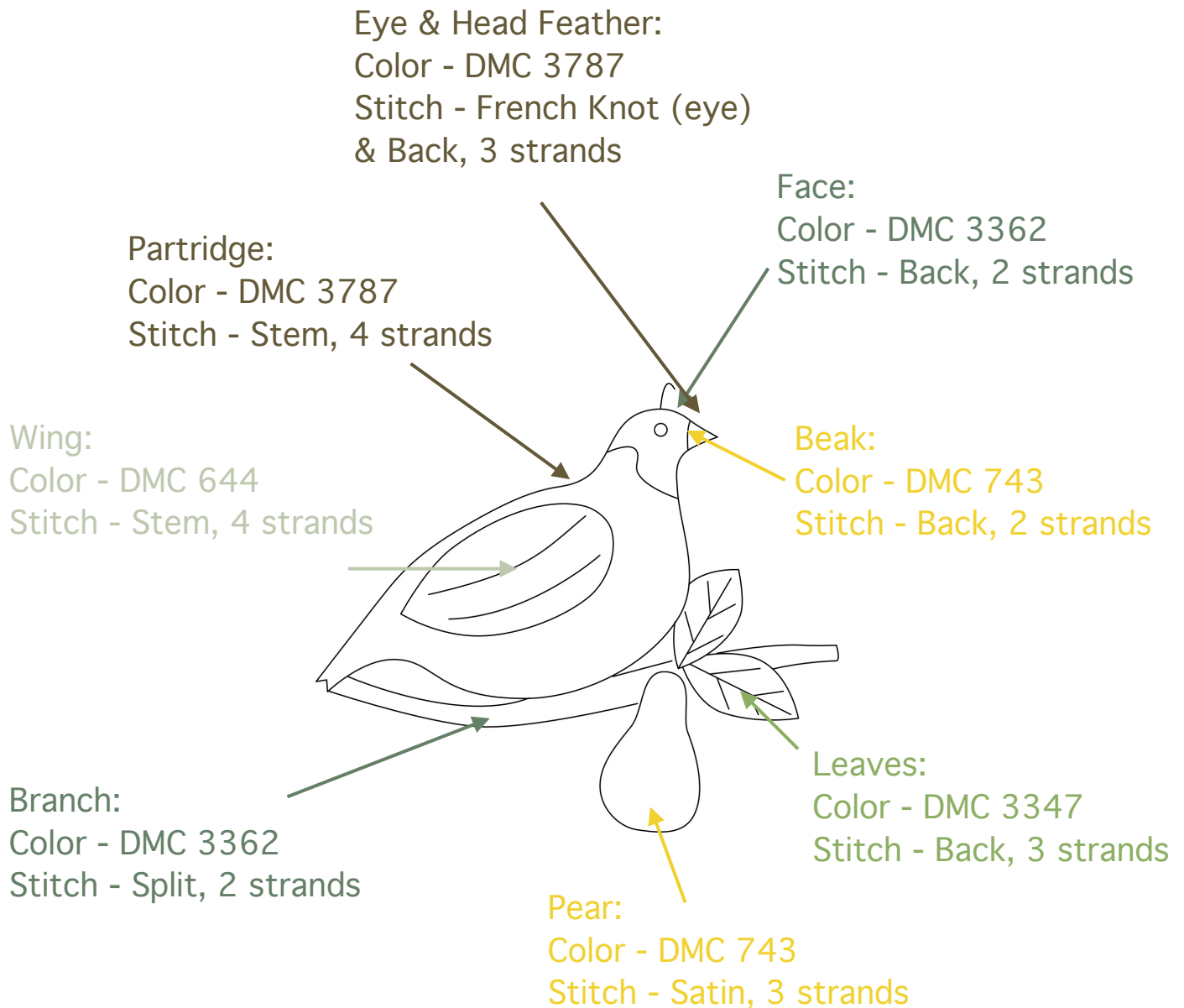
Stitch - Fishbone,  
2 strands

## Olive Branch:

Color - DMC 3787

Stitch - Back, 2 strands

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Thanks so much for purchasing the Holiday Birds Ornament Set Pattern and happy stitching!

~Amanda