



## TWO BIRD SAMPLER DOWNLOAD EMBROIDERY PATTERN

PLEASE NOTE: The above photograph has been worked slightly differently from the pattern in this download. The date is optional.

Included in this PDF pattern:

2 pages of stitch instructions to try, a stitch map of where to put the stitches, materials you will need and general instructions for how to transfer this design to fabric, the printable pattern, diagram showing how to mount the finished embroidery

**IMPORTANT NOTE: THIS DESIGN IS FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY**

## Materials and general instructions

### You will need:

- \* *Needles : I would suggest buying a pack of various embroidery needles such as John James (UK) Try out which is right for you.*
- \* *Sharp embroidery scissors.*
- \* *Light coloured linen or cotton fabric ... try it on a patterned fabric for extra riches and texture*
- \* *Stranded Embroidery thread ( details of colours used in this sample below ) I use three strand in most of my patterns, but experiment with what you feel is right.*
- \* *See below for different methods of transferring the design to your chosen fabric.*
- \* *An embroidery hoop if you need that structure while you work though I prefer working in my hand, though I always back the piece of work with light weight iron on interfacing to stabilize it. If you choose to print the design onto the Sulky Stick and Stitch, it will give you the stability you need without having to use the light weight iron on interfacing.*

## Transferring the Design to fabric

### Various Options:

- \* *Sulky Stick and Stitch:*
- \* *Wax Dressmakers Carbon Paper:*
- \* *Transfer Pens:*
- \* *Light source:*
- \* *Friction Pen*
- \* *Sulky stick and stitch ... if you have a printer make sure you follow the instructions on the pack. The design will print on the rough side, peeled of and stuck onto your chosen fabric. Once the embroidery is complete you simply wash away the Sulky in warm water.*
- \* *Light source (window) Tracing paper ... This works well if your chosen fabric is fairly thin and light in colour. Tape the printed design to a window or other light source. then position your fabric over the printed design and trace using a Friction Pen*
- \* *Transfer pens ... these work really well and the only downside is the time and care taken in tracing the outline accurately. First trace the design on the reverse of the printed sheet using the heat transfer pen. Lay it tracing side down onto your chosen fabric. Iron the design onto the fabric. I would suggest doing an experiment using some scrap first to determine the length of time to hold the iron on the design before it releases onto the fabric.*
- \* *Wax Dressmakers Carbon Paper ... This comes in various colours so is useful if you want to transfer your design to darker coloured fabrics, use the white carbon sheet. Place the carbon between the fabric and the printed paper design and trace using a hard pencil or empty ballpoint pen.*

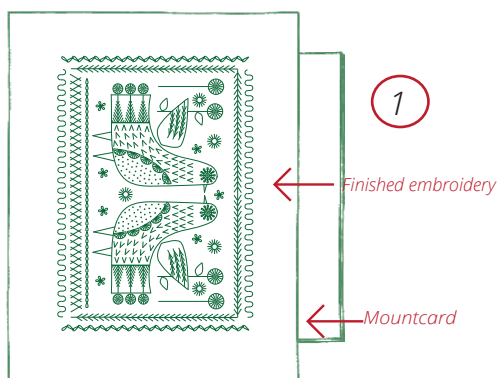
## Ways to use this design

You can enlarge or reduce this design. Your local printshop will be able to print the design in different sizes to suit your own project. For example you might want to make a cushion cover so enlarge to fit the size and shape of the cushion you want.

You could also try working the enlarged designs in wools which work really well on cushion covers

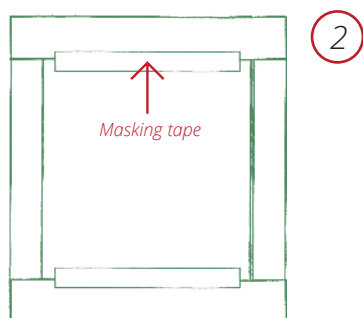
- \* You can use this design to embroider:
- \* Bags and Aprons
- \* Cushions and Bedlinen
- \* Framed Samplers
- \* Cut out some of the motifs and use to embroider clothing
- \* Embroider quilt pieces with these designs
- \* Use as a basis for applique with embroidery
- \* Greetings Cards

I love to see what you have made using my designs, if you would like to share send to: [nancy@nancynicholson.co.uk](mailto:nancy@nancynicholson.co.uk)

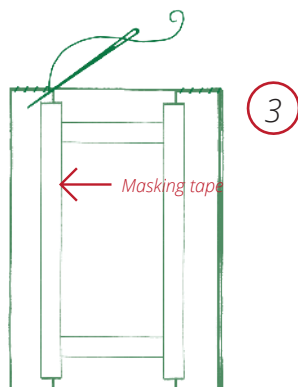


### Mounting an embroidery design

Make sure the mount card is the same internal size as your picture frame. Centre the card on the back of the embroidery.

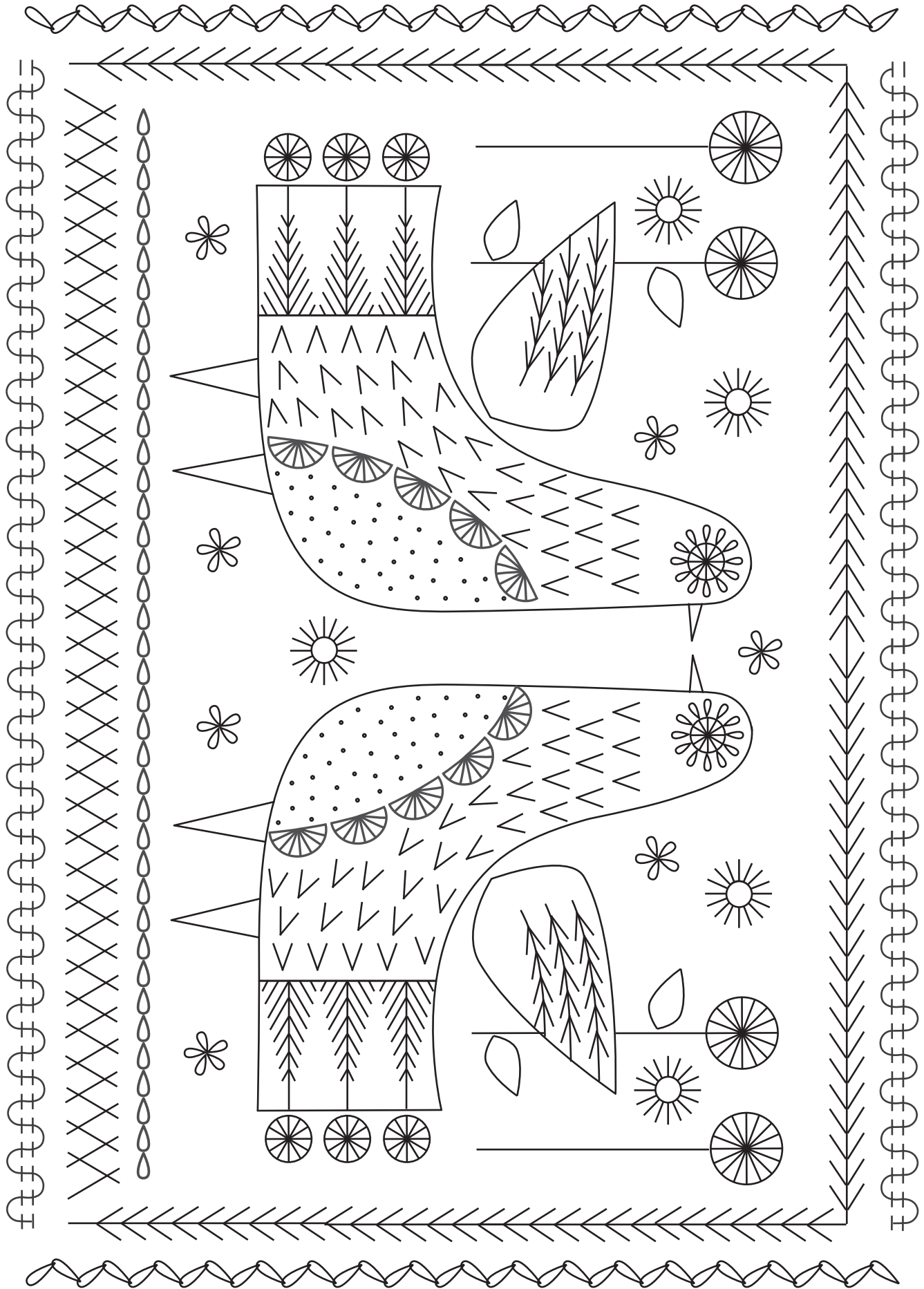


Turn over the top edge of the fabric and tape in place on the back of the card. Turn over the bottom edge, pull taut, and then tape in place.



Tape the sides of the fabric in the same way, then stitch the corners in place using a small overstitch.

Print this pattern









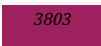





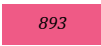

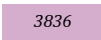

# Stitch Suggestions



## Stitches used:

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|  Lazy Daisy Stitch   |  Double Laced Running Stitch |
|  Back Stitch         |  Whipped Running stitch      |
|  Satin Stitch        |  Buttonhole Flower           |
|  Detached Fly Stitch |  Buttonhole Wheel            |
|  Chain Stitch        |  Herringbone Stitch          |
|  Detached Chain      |  Fly Stitch                  |
|  Zig Zag Chain       |                                                                                                                 |

## DMC colours to choose from:

 922	 3740
 920	 597
 321	 598
 3803	 3809
 3608	 928
 552	 3053
 893	 470
 3836	 733



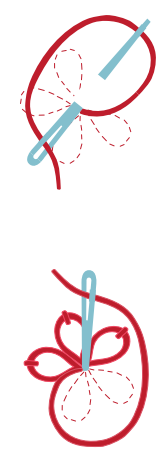
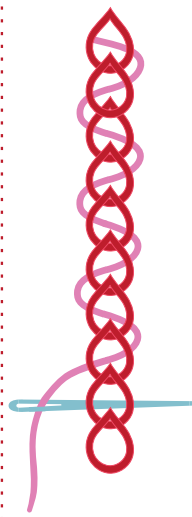
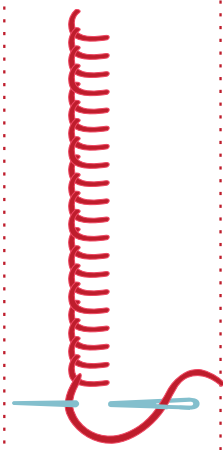
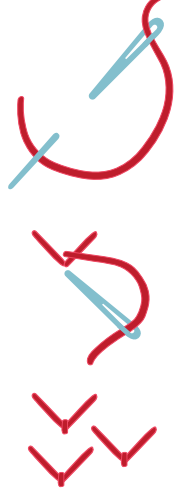
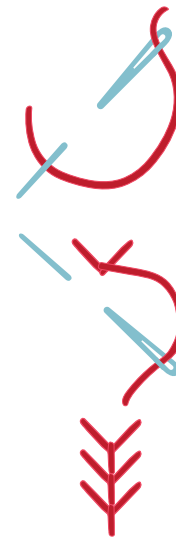
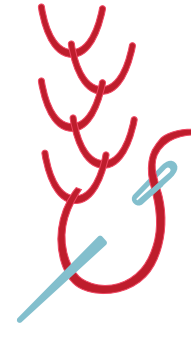
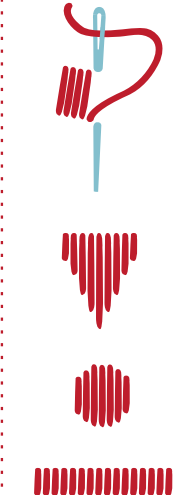
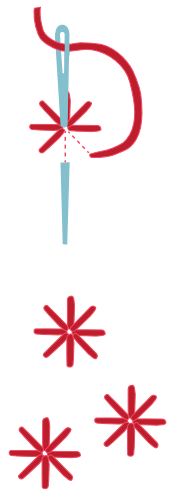
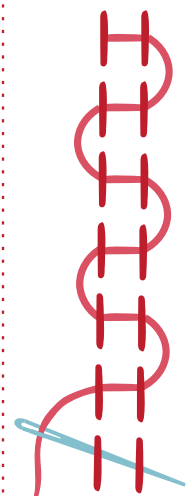
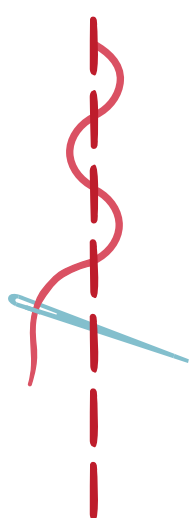

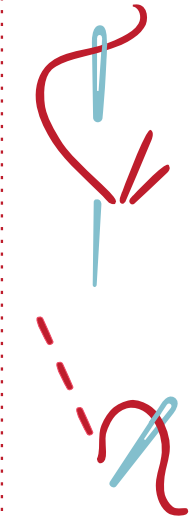

# Stitch Library

● Herringbone Stitch    
 ● Couching Stitch    
 ● Weave Stitch    
 ● Roumanian Stitch    
 ● Stem Stitch

● Buttonhole Wheel    
 ● Buttonhole Flower    
 ● Whipped Running    
 ● Eskimo Stitch    
 ● Thorn Stitch

● Zig Zag Chain    
 ● Coral Stitch    
 ● French Knot    
 ● Cross Stitch

# Stitch Library

 <p>● Detached Chain</p>	 <p>● Chain Stitch</p>	 <p>● Lazy Daisy Stitch</p>	 <p>● Laced Chain Stitch</p>	 <p>● Buttonhole Stitch</p>
 <p>● Detached Fly Stitch</p>	 <p>● Fly Stitch</p>	 <p>● Feather Stitch</p>	 <p>● Satin Stitch</p>	 <p>● Star Stitch</p>
 <p>● Double Laced Running Stitch</p>	 <p>● Laced Running Stitch</p>	 <p>● Interlaced Running Stitch</p>	 <p>● Straight Stitch ● Running Stitch</p>	 <p>● Back Stitch</p>