

Free Design

Stumpwork Dragonfly - templates and background



Check out my videos on my YouTube Channel for details on how to work this project!

Print off this page for wing templates and background line drawing.

Wing shapes in 3 sizes (you choose your size!)

Fore wings



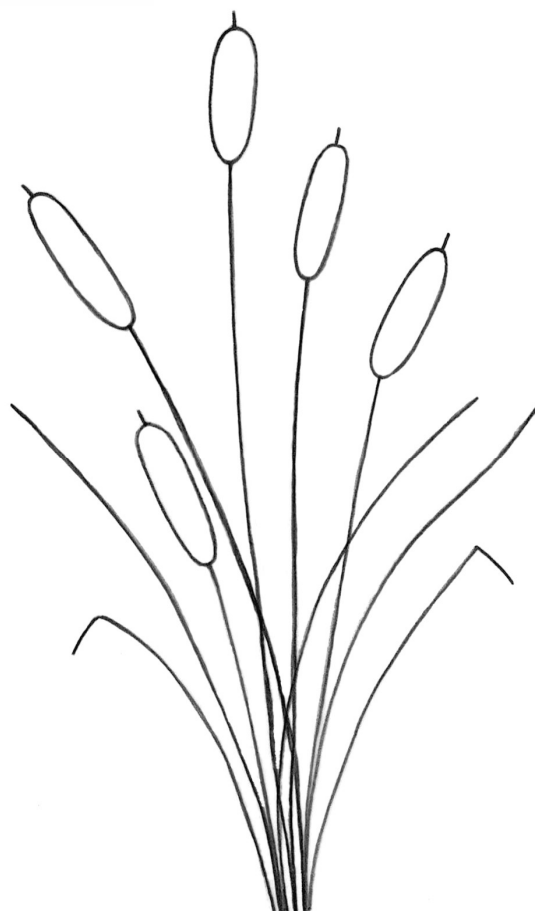
Hind wings



Centre line for
dragonfly position



Bull rush background line drawing



Background bull rushes image

Use this image as a painting reference if you want to have a go at painting your own background. Trace the outline drawing on page one onto your fabric. For the background, spray your fabric with water and drop in some colour using a water based paint (watercolour, fabric or silk). Let the colour bleed into the wet fabric. For the bull rushes use coloured pencils to draw on the leaves and details.

Or...

Print onto fabric if you have an ink jet printer and printer fabric paper!

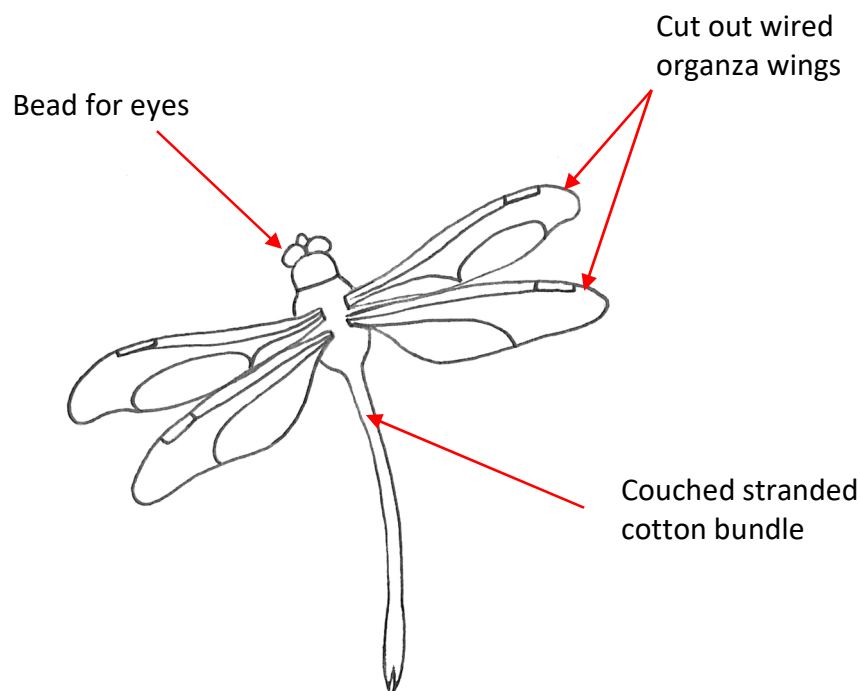


Background bull rushes image with ribbon work

Image reference with ribbon embroidery leaves. Use as reference guide or print this image onto some fabric for your background!



Stitch Plan (to work as I have in the video)



You will need:-

A printer to print off the wing pattern pieces and bull rushes design if required

Materials I used:

- Stranded cotton for the body in colour or colours of your choice
- Organza for the wing fabric, enough to make four wings
- 26 or 28 gauge wire for the wings in a colour of your choice, enough for four wings plus extra to take through to back
- Beads for the eyes

Fabric

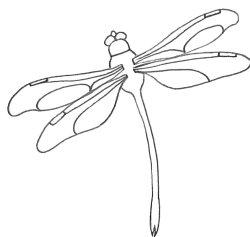
I've stitched this design onto a painted cotton fabric with a cotton calico backing.

Other items you will need:

- Embroidery thread to couch over the body. Match or use a colour that will stand out!
- Embroidery thread for the wing edges. Metallic threads look nice or use a colour to match the body in stranded cotton
- Sharp embroidery scissors
- Needles, suggested embroidery size 10 or 9
- Embroidery hoop or stretcher bars to fit your background fabric and a small hoop for the wing fabric
- Some water based white craft glue and small brush to stabilise the edges of the wings

Stitch order (see video for instructions!)

- 1) Work a background if preferred or work straight onto a fabric of your choice
- 2) Mark on the position of the dragonfly (just the centre line on page one) on your embroidery fabric with a pen. You don't need to draw the body!
- 3) Work the body in stranded cotton over the marked centre line
- 4) Cut your wire into four pieces and bend to the shape of your chose wing shapes using the pattern pieces on page one (you choose the size!). You will need two fore wings and two hind wings Leave extra wire for taking through to the back to secure the wings in place.
- 5) Frame your wing fabric in a small hoop. Pin the wires into position on the fabric
- 6) Work buttonhole stitch over the wires
- 7) Work any extra wing stitches
- 8) Apply the back of the buttonhole stitch with watered down glue and a small brush and allow to dry
- 9) Stitch on beads for eyes
- 10) Cut out all four wings slowly and carefully and fix into position by pushing the wire ends through the thorax to the back of your fabric.
- 11) Stitch over the wire ends to secure them in place.
- 12) Bend wings into shape!



Check out our other videos including how to thread your needles, all about backing fabrics as well as our introduction to stumpwork; just search **Sarah Homfray Embroidery** on YouTube to find our channel and click on the red **SUBSCRIBE** button to bookmark our page.

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