Be mine in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.9 in (9.9 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of teal cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 7.

14 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Laurel stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sunburst rays, bow tails, bow, bow fold, gold setting, stone, stone table, letters, little stars



Stitch in this order, continued

4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Fine rays

5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Ray pearls, pearl halo



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**6**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**11**	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
2	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**7**	DMC 734 Light Olive Green	**12**	DMC 3706 Medium Melon
3	DMC 3865 Winter White	**8**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**13**	DMC 761 Light Salmon
4	DMC 732 Olive Green	**9**	DMC 321 Red	**14**	DMC 712 Cream
5	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**10**	DMC 814 Dark Garnet		

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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