Be true in a laurel wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.7 × 3.9 in (9.4 × 9.9 cm)



A number is a row of the list.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf filled halves, star long rays, letters
2. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 strands
   Rim
3. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems
4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf open halves, leaf veins
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Berry stems, small stars, short star rays
6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Berries

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

Floss

- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Rim, star long rays and small stars (darker)
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Rim, star long rays and small stars (lighter), short star rays and berries
- **DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Leaf open halves, leaf veins, stems and berry stems
- **DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Leaf filled halves and letters

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 2 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 2 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 2 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.

Buy: one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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6 inch hoop

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; a dashed line is whipped back stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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