Bear face in a leaf ring

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
   Oak leaves, bramble leaves, ears, inner ears, cheek ruff, face fur, chin, muzzle, nose, eye rims, brow lights



2. **Satin stitch**
   colors 1, 6, 9, 19, 21, 22
   2 strands: nostrils, eyes, pupils
   1 strand: fern fronds, upper lids



3. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 10
   Berries



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8
   3 strands: bramble cane
   2 strands: oak leaf stalks, oak leaves veins, bramble leaves veins, fern stems, leaf stalks, berry stalks, mouth

5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 4, 7, 8
   Oak leaves veins, bramble leaves veins

6. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 20
   2 strands: thorns
   1 strand: wet lights, eye highlights



7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 10, 11, 12
   2 strands: berries
   1 strand: berry highlights



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 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	9	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	17	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
2	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	10	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	18	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
3	DMC 920 Medium Copper	11	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	19	DMC 310 Black
4	DMC 922 Light Copper	12	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	20	DMC 3865 Winter White
5	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	13	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	21	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
6	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	14	DMC 433 Medium Brown	22	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
7	DMC 3364 Pine Green	15	DMC 435 Very Light Brown		
8	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	16	DMC 436 Tan		

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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