Beltane fire in hawthorn blossom

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.2 × 4.6 in (8.1 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Flames, birch logs
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buds, hawthorn petals
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Hawthorn leaves, sequins, log ends
4. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Frame
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Frame, gold lines, flame edges, log rings
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, leaf veins, log rings
7. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bud sepals, stamens, birch marks
8. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Anthers, beads, log rings

Floss

- **1 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Frame, gold lines, leaf veins and sequins
- **2 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Flames (shade 1 of 7), flame edges
- **3 DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red**
  Flames (shade 2 of 7)
- **4 DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice**
  Flames (shade 3 of 7)
- **5 DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice**
  Flames (shade 4 of 7)
- **6 DMC 722 Light Orange Spice**
  Flames (shade 5 of 7)
- **7 DMC 3855 Light Autumn Gold**
  Flames (shade 6 of 7)
- **8 DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow**
  Beads, flames (shade 7 of 7)
- **9 DMC BLANC White**
  Hawthorn petals and buds (lighter)
- **10 DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink**
  Hawthorn petals and buds (darker)
- **11 DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray**
  Petal edges, birch logs (middle)
- **12 DMC 368 Light Pistachio Green**
  Stamens and bud sepals, hawthorn leaves (lighter)
- **13 DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green**
  Hawthorn leaves (darker)
- **14 DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink** Anthers
- **15 DMC 3866 Ultra Very Light Mocha**
  Birch logs (light)
- **16 DMC 844 Ultra Dark Beaver Gray**
  Log rings (darker), birch marks, birch logs (dark)
- **17 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Log ends
- **18 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Log rings (lighter)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 strands: frame, gold lines, log rings; 1 strand: flame edges.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: birch marks; 2 or 3 strands: bud sepals; 1 strand: stamens.
French knot. 1 or 2 strands: anthers; 1 strand: beads, log rings.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

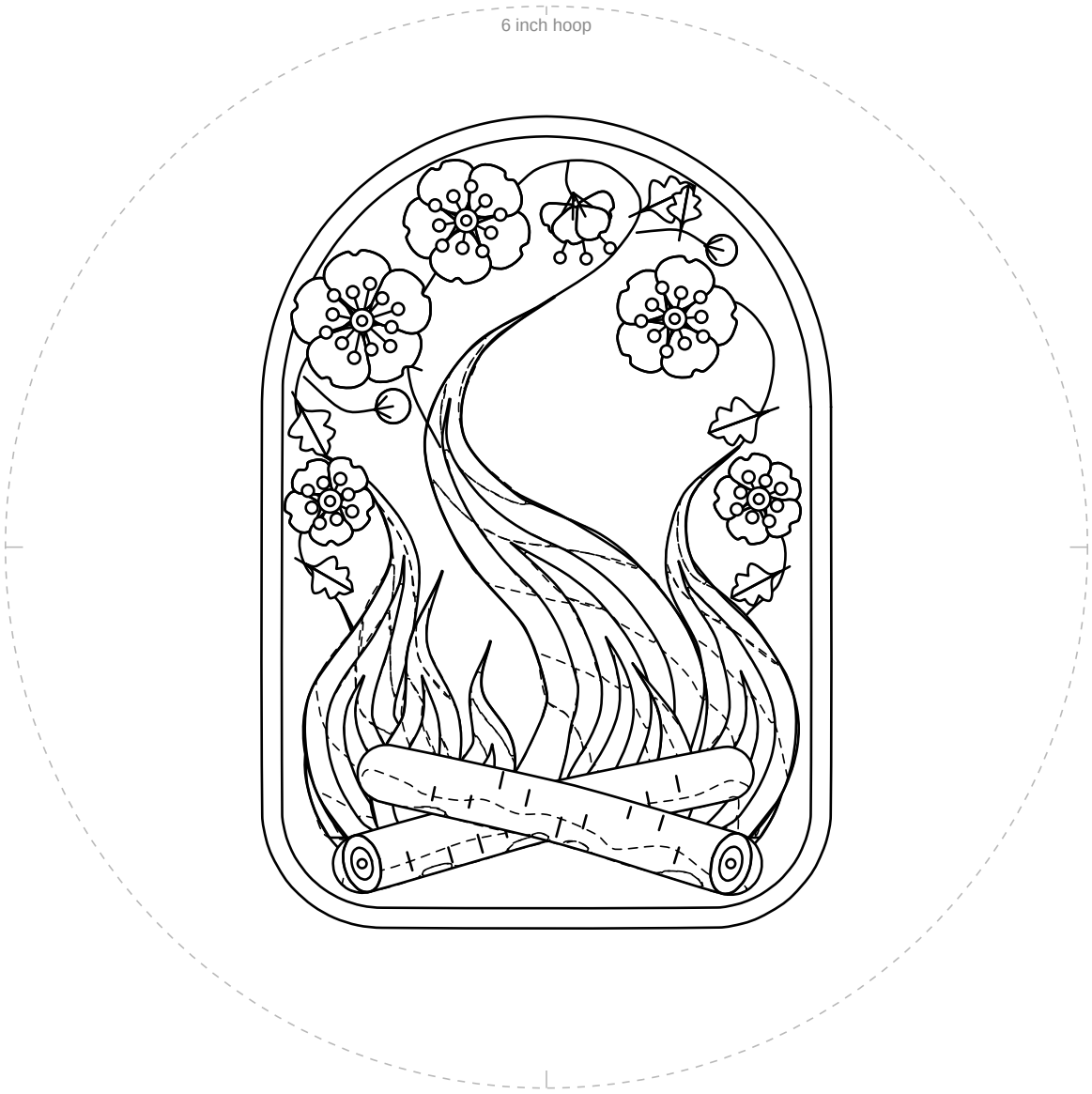
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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