# Best aunt in laurel

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.7 × 4.8 in (9.4 × 12.2 cm).




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

## Floss

- **1 DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green**
  Ribbon tails, ring line and bird tails, laurel leaves (darker)
- **2 DMC 351 Coral**
  Front frill, birds and tail hearts
- **3 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Ring, tail edges, frill knots, tulip stalks, beaks and legs, tulips (darker)
- **4 DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green**
  Laurel leaves (lighter), laurel stems and tulip leaves
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Letters, pleat drops and wings, tulips (lighter)
- **6 DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Back frill and small heart
- **7 DMC 310 Black**
  Eyes

## 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.

## Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon tails, tail hearts, tulip leaves, tulips, back frill, front frill, pleat drops, laurel leaves, bird tails, birds, wings, beaks, and 2 more
2. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Tulip stalks, laurel stems
3. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Tail edges, ring
4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Ring line
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Legs
6. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Frill knots, eyes

## What you need

Intermediate. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, in black. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.



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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 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. 3 strands: laurel stems; 2 strands: tulip stalks.
French knot. 2 strands: frill knots; 1 strand: eyes.



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**6 inch hoop**

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

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
If it measures anything else, print again at 100% with scaling off.

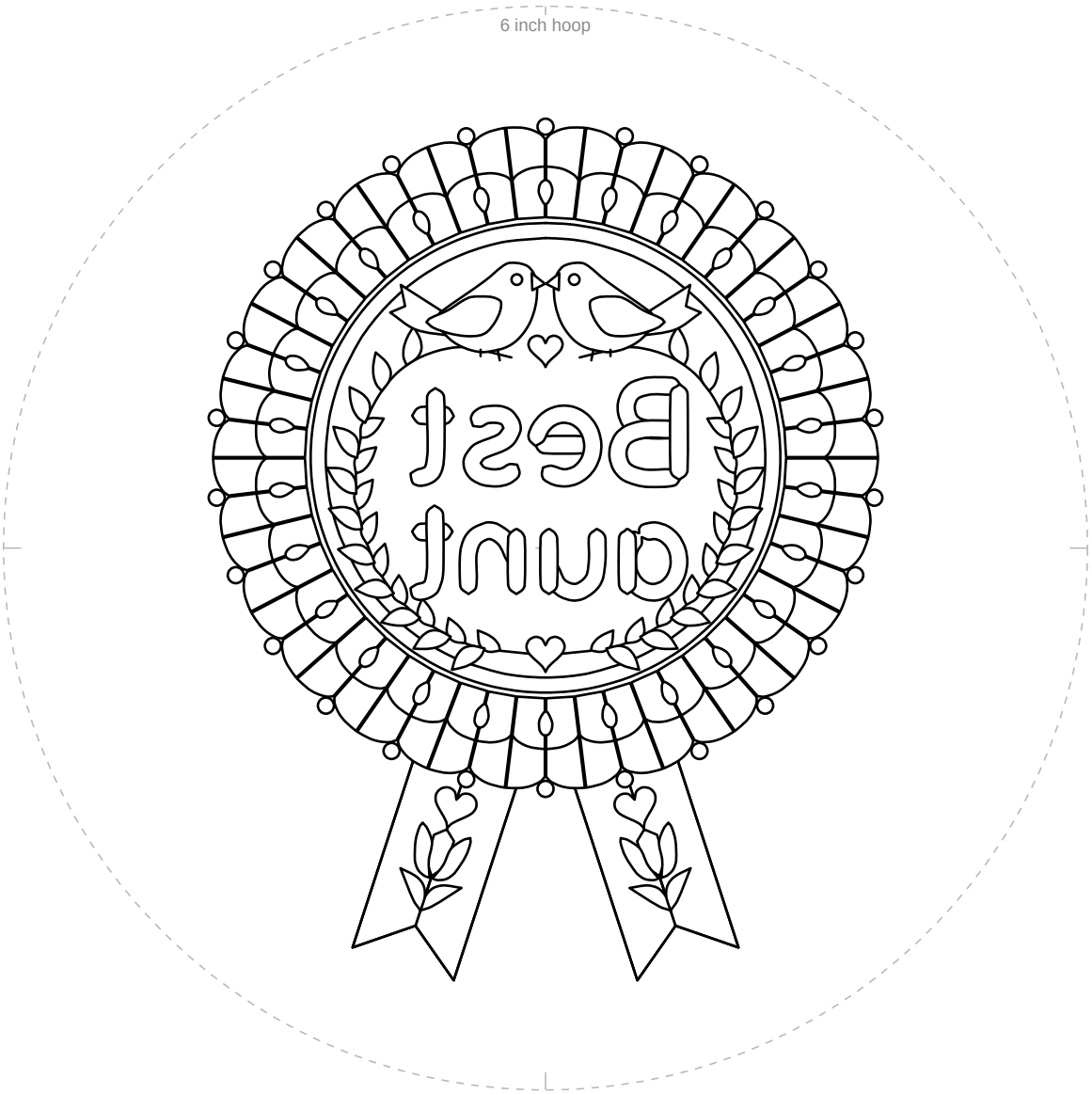


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**6 inch hoop**

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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