Bold

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.8 in (11.7 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 898; one of each other 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. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
   Laurel leaves, gilded leaves
2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Mane, ears, inner ears, ear tufts, face, forelock, chin, muzzle, nose, eyes
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 4, 5, 7, 9, 20
   Bow, nostrils, eye rims, pupils, word

Stitch in this order, continued

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 3, 6, 9
   1 strand: lines of the laurel leaves, lines of the gilded leaves
   2 strands: laurel stems, mouth
5. **Straight stitch**, colors 10, 20
   1 strand: whisker marks
   2 strands: eye highlights
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 8, 20
   Tear lines, whiskers

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 520 Dark Fern Green	9	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	17	DMC 437 Light Tan
2	DMC 522 Fern Green	10	DMC 433 Medium Brown	18	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
3	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	11	DMC 3826 Golden Brown	19	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
4	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	12	DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown	20	DMC 746 Off White
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	13	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown	21	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand
6	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	14	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	22	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
7	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw	15	DMC 436 Tan		
8	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	16	DMC 434 Light Brown		

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



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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