Cacao branch with an open chocolate pod

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4.5 in (9.9 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage 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
   Leaves, twigs, new leaves, branch, pod, open pod, open pod rim, open pod heart
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Beans, roasted bean
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cut end, flowers, flower buds
4. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf veins, new leaf veins, pod grooves, pod edge, bean edges, cut end rings
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf outlines, pod stalk, pod heart string
6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Flower stalks
7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Flower rays, flower buds, roasted bean
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Moss, flower hearts

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Leaves and moss (light), leaf veins (lighter)
- **2 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Leaves and moss (middle), leaf veins (darker), leaf outlines (lighter)
- **3 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Leaves and moss (dark), leaf outlines (darker)
- **4 DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray**
  Branch and twigs (middle), bean edges, cut end rings (lighter), open pod heart (darker)
- **5 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Branch, roasted bean and twigs (dark), pod stalk, cut end rings (darker)
- **6 DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown**
  Open pod heart (lighter), branch, twigs and roasted bean (light), cut end, beans (dark)
- **7 DMC 351 Coral**
  New leaves (middle), flower rays, flower buds (darker)
- **8 DMC 352 Light Coral** New leaves (light)
- **9 DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta**
  New leaves (dark), new leaf veins and flower stalks
- **10 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Pod edge and pod grooves, pod (darkest), roasted bean (middle), open pod (dark)
- **11 DMC 920 Medium Copper** Pod (dark), open pod (middle)
- **12 DMC 921 Copper** Open pod (light), pod (middle)
- **13 DMC 977 Light Golden Brown**
  Pod (light), open pod rim (darker)
- **14 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Pod (lightest), flower hearts, open pod rim (lighter)
- **15 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Beans (middle), flowers and pod heart string, flower buds (lighter)
- **16 DMC 712 Cream** Beans (light)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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

Split stitch. 2 strands: new leaf veins; 1 or 2 strands: leaf veins; 1 strand: pod grooves, pod edge, bean edges, cut end rings.
Stem stitch. 5 strands: pod stalk; 3 strands: pod heart string; 2 strands: leaf outlines.

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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

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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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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