Celtic knot bear

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Far legs, far ear, bear, near ear



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cord edges, cords, inner ear, nose, eye rim, eye, claws, scroll volutes, scrolls, green braid, gold braid



3. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands: cord chain
   4 strands: bear outline, ear edge
   3 strands: ground



4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Nose highlight



5. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Mouth

6. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: far leg edges, far ear edge, inner outline, ring edges
   2 strands: eye lid, toes

7. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: cord ends, scroll hearts
   1 strand: eye highlight



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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.

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.

Buy: 14 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	**6**	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	**11**	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**7**	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	**12**	DMC 712 Cream
3	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**8**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**13**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
4	DMC 920 Medium Copper	**9**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**14**	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green
5	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany	**10**	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice		

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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

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

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