Chess rook with climbing ivy

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4.8 in (9.7 × 12.2 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the vine

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Foot, base bead, base, lower collar, tower, neck collar, neck ring, cove, head, sill, inside, battlements (colors 3, 7 and 8), ivy leaves



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Vine, battlements (colors 3, 4 and 6), battlement sides, battlement tops



4. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: ring lines
   2 strands: leaf stalks, berry stalks (color 9), tendrils

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf edges, leaf veins

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry stalks (color 9)



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Berries



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: 17 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark teal cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 3345 Dark Hunter Green	7	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	13	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green
2	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	8	DMC 712 Cream	14	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green
3	DMC 433 Medium Brown	9	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	15	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green
4	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	10	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	16	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
5	DMC 436 Tan	11	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	17	DMC 350 Medium Coral
6	DMC 437 Light Tan	12	DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green		

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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 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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