Cozy in oak leaves

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.3 in (11.7 × 10.9 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): one skein of each 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Twigs

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Acorns, nose, letters



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Oak leaves, acorn caps, body, thigh, tail, tail tip, ears, ear linings, head, cheeks



4. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins, whiskers
   2 strands: leaf stalks
   3 strands: closed eyes

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Lashes, nose highlight



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Letter edges

7. **French knot**, two wraps
   3 strands: berries
   1 strand: knots of the acorn caps



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 435 Very Light Brown	9	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	17	DMC 921 Copper
2	DMC 922 Light Copper	10	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	18	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 3364 Pine Green	19	DMC 3865 Winter White
4	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	12	DMC 433 Medium Brown	20	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown	21	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
6	DMC 498 Dark Red	14	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	22	DMC 712 Cream
7	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	15	DMC 919 Red Copper		
8	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	16	DMC 920 Medium Copper		

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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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