Crewel letters A to Z

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 5 in (12.4 × 12.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Slender stems and bloom hearts, vine leaves (dark)
- **2 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Trunks and great leaves, bloom petals (dark)
- **3 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Bloom petals (middle), berries
- **4 DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green**
  Vine
- **5 DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green**
  Vine leaves (lightest)
- **6 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Vine leaves (light)
- **7 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Vine leaves (darkest), petal edges (dark)
- **8 DMC 680 Dark Old Gold**
  Bloom petals (light), vine knot
- **9 DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive**
  Petal edges (light), vine knot edge
- **10 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Petal edges (middle)

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Trunks and great leaves, bloom petals, bloom hearts, vine knot
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Vine leaves
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Slender stems, vine, petal edges, vine knot edge
4. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Berries

What you need

Intermediate. A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, and a 9 inch (23 cm) square of plain cotton or linen, white or another light color. Embroidery needle: size 9 for 1 strand, size 7 for 2 or 3, size 5 for 4 (a lower number is a thicker needle). Skeins: one of each color is enough. An estimate for the 6 inch hoop, from the length of each line and the area of each filled shape, with a fifth added for tails.

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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 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

Stem stitch. 4 strands: vine; 3 or 4 strands: slender stems; 1 strand: petal edges, vine knot edge.

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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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