Dad in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.8 in (12.4 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

23 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**
   4 strands: lines of the laurel stems
   2 strands: berry stalks

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, belly, breast, back, wing feathers, small wing feathers, shoulder, head, fledgling tail, fledgling body, fledgling breast, fledgling wing, fledgling head



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel stems, berries, cut stem ends, stem binding, letters, bill, eyes, open mouth, fledgling bill



5. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: letter edges
   1 strand: feather edges

6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Legs (color 14)

7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Legs (color 14)



8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye highlights



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 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	9	DMC 3822 Light Straw	17	DMC 3755 Baby Blue
2	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	10	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	18	DMC 3865 Winter White
3	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	11	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	19	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray
4	DMC 3364 Pine Green	12	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	20	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray
5	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	13	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	21	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue
6	DMC 921 Copper	14	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	22	DMC 3371 Black Brown
7	DMC 919 Red Copper	15	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	23	DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany
8	DMC 922 Light Copper	16	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue		

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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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