Dad in oak leaves

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.2 × 4.7 in (8.1 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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**
   2 strands: border (color 1), soil line, lines of the root
   3 strands: twigs

2. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Border (color 2)

3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Young oak stem, root



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Acorns, acorn caps, letters, split acorn, cotyledons, fallen leaf, oak leaves, butterfly, butterfly body



5. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Acorn cap scales



6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: acorn edges, gold inlay, split acorn edges (colors 1 and 5), leaf edges, butterfly edges
   2 strands: letter edges, shadows on the letters

7. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: lines of the acorn caps
   1 strand: split acorn edges (color 12), leaf veins

8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the acorn caps
   1 strand: lights, leaf veins, butterfly veins



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 801 Dark Coffee Brown	9	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	17	DMC 920 Medium Copper
2	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	10	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	18	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
3	DMC 433 Medium Brown	11	DMC 3371 Black Brown	19	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	12	DMC 437 Light Tan	20	DMC 349 Dark Coral
5	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	13	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	21	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue
6	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	14	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	22	DMC 797 Royal Blue
7	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	15	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold	23	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue
8	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	16	DMC 921 Copper		

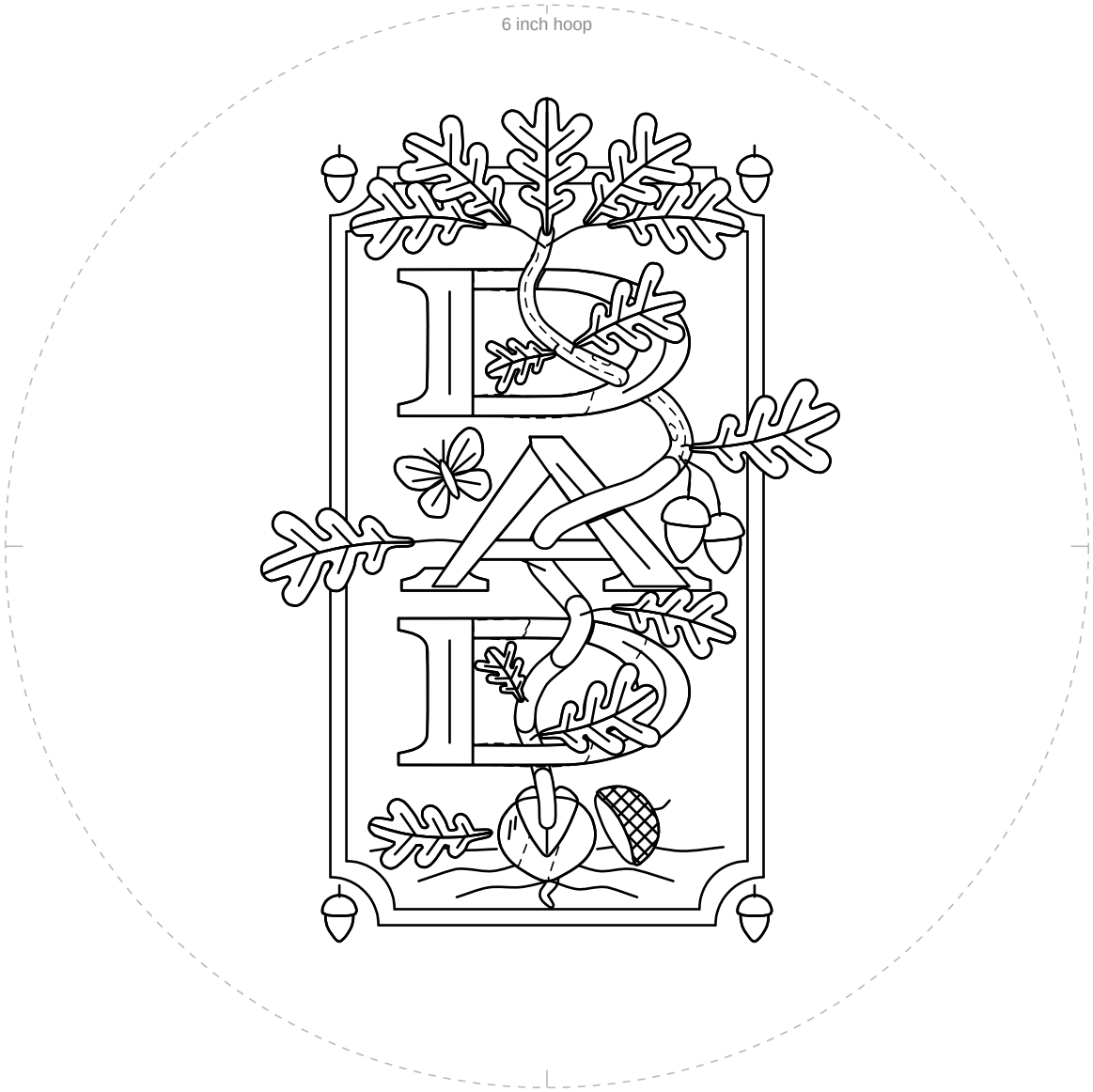
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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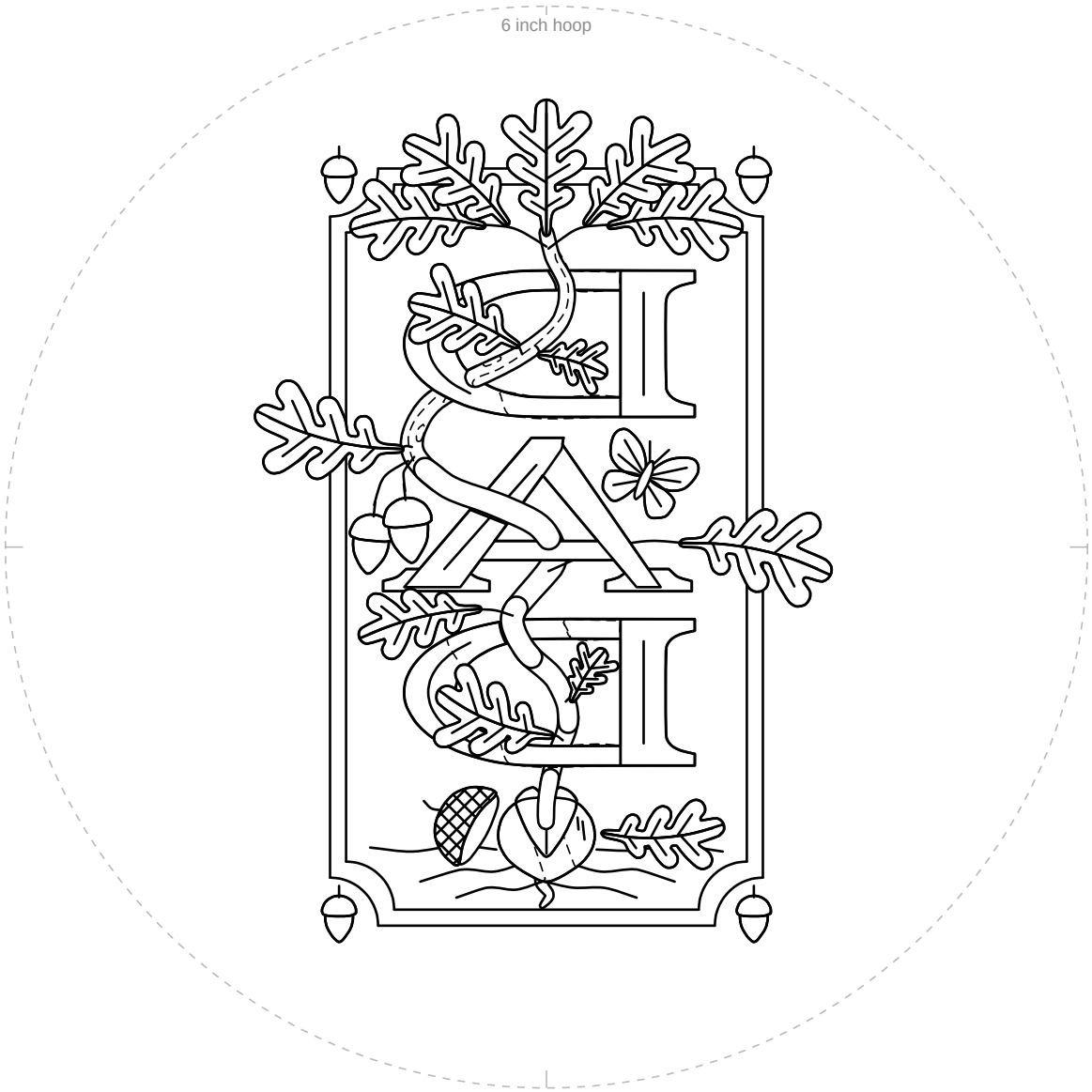
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