Laurel wreath of pointed leaves

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

10 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. **Couching**
   3 strands: arch
   5 strands: branches



2. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Drop threads

3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Jade halves of the leaves, gold halves of the leaves, fan rays, fan foot, fan base



4. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Leaf spines, fan rim



5. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Drops



6. **French knot**
   3 strands, two wraps
   Top bead



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 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
2 DMC 783 Medium Topaz
3 DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw
4 DMC 3850 Dark Bright Green
5 DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green
6 DMC 3851 Light Bright Green
7 DMC 964 Light Seagreen
8 DMC 3820 Dark Straw
9 DMC 3822 Light Straw
10 DMC 606 Bright Orange-Red

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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