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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.6 in (9.9 × 11.7 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.

24 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**, 3 strands
   Laurel stem

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Chest, ears, inner ear, ear fringe, head, beard, muzzle, moustache, nose, brows, blossoms



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



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mouth, tongue, nostrils, eye rims, eyes, pupils, eye highlights, letters, heart



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Tongue crease

6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: mouth line, upper lids, berry stalks
   1 strand: lines of the laurel leaves

7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Nose highlight, eye glints, berry highlights



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Blossom centers



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 407 Dark Desert Sand	**17**	DMC BLANC White
2	DMC 436 Tan	**10**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	**18**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
3	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**11**	DMC 3371 Black Brown	**19**	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green
4	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**12**	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon	**20**	DMC 522 Fern Green
5	DMC 437 Light Tan	**13**	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon	**21**	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green
6	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	**14**	DMC 761 Light Salmon	**22**	DMC 3364 Pine Green
7	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**15**	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	**23**	DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
8	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	**16**	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	**24**	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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