Engagement ring in a laurel wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

19 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
   Stems
2. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Pearl stalks
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Gold band (color 8)
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold band (color 7), inside of the band, ribbon, bows, diamond, setting, claws, stars
6. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the leaves
7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: facet lines (color 4)
   2 strands: edges of the stars
8. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Facet lines (color 4)
9. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: ribbon edge
   2 strands: rays
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Bow knots
11. **French knot**, two wraps
    3 strands: seed pearls
    2 strands: seed stars

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 926 Medium Gray Green	8	DMC 3822 Light Straw	15	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink
2	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	9	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	16	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
3	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	10	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	17	DMC 775 Very Light Baby Blue
4	DMC BLANC White	11	DMC 433 Medium Brown	18	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue
5	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	12	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	19	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue
6	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	13	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon		
7	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	14	DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink		

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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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