English Jacobean crewel tree of life

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.2 × 4.7 in (10.7 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines, loops and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Upper left leaf, left leaf rim, left leaf back, upper right leaf rim, upper right leaf back, right leaf back, pomegranate skin, left hill, and 13 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Upper left leaf back, pomegranate crown, pomegranate heart, trunk, squirrel feet, squirrel ears, acorn, acorn cup, bloom heart band, and 5 more
3. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Left leaf trellis, bloom heart trellis
4. **Cross stitch**, 1 strand
   Left leaf trellis crosses
5. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Right leaf
6. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Pomegranate leaves, bloom calyx, oak sprig leaves, bud leaves
7. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Upper left leaf edge, upper left leaf back edge, left leaf edge, left leaf back edge, upper right leaf edge, upper right leaf back edge, and 22 more
8. **Chain stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Upper left leaf vein, left leaf rim line, pomegranate stem, trunk, bloom heart edge
9. **Coral stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Upper right leaf rows
10. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
    Squirrel lines

Floss

- **1 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Upper left leaf (darkest), left leaf edge and upper left leaf edge and 3 more parts
- **2 DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue**
  Upper left leaf, tulip bud, right leaf back and left leaf rim (dark), bloom heart band
- **3 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Left leaf rim and right leaf back (middle), upper left leaf and tulip bud (light)
- **4 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Right leaf back and left leaf rim (light), upper left leaf and tulip bud (lightest)
- **5 DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold**
  Bloom turned petals and pomegranate skin (middle), left leaf rim line and 6 more parts
- **6 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Pomegranate skin (light), upper left leaf back (lighter) and 7 more parts
- **7 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Trunk (middle), squirrel tail (dark), bloom turned petal edges and 16 more parts
- **8 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Left leaf trellis, right leaf (middle), left hill (light) and 4 more parts
- **9 DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink**
  Bloom back petals and left leaf back (middle) and 7 more parts
- **10 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Bloom side petals (darker), bloom back petals (dark) and 10 more parts
- **11 DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink**
  Bloom back petals (light), upper right leaf rim (lighter), bloom heart and 4 more parts
- **12 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Right leaf (light), upper right leaf back and bloom calyx (lighter) and 9 more parts
- **13 DMC 934 Black Avocado Green**
  Front hill, left hill and right hill (darkest), right leaf edge and 4 more parts
- **14 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green**
  Right leaf, front hill, left hill and right hill (dark) and 6 more parts
- **15 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown**
  Trunk (dark), squirrel tail (darkest), squirrel lines and 4 more parts
- **16 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Squirrel body and squirrel haunch (lighter), trunk (light) and 5 more parts

Stitches, continued

11. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
    Stamens
12. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Hill flowers
13. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Pomegranate seeds, squirrel eye, stamen knots, hill flower hearts, berries

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots and the shortest lazy daisy loops 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.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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5	DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold	**11**	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink		
6	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**12**	DMC 3364 Pine Green		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: pomegranate stem, bud stem; 2 or 3 strands: trunk, oak sprig; 2 strands: upper left leaf edge, upper left leaf back edge, left leaf edge, left leaf back edge, upper right leaf edge, upper right leaf back edge, right leaf, right leaf edge, right leaf back edge, pomegranate edge, pomegranate heart edge, left hill bands, left hill edge, right hill bands, right hill edge, front hill bands, front hill edge, squirrel jaw, bloom back petal edges, bloom side petal edges, bloom turned petal edges, bloom heart edge, berry stem; 1 strand: squirrel lines.
Chain stitch. 3 strands: trunk; 2 strands: upper left leaf vein, left leaf rim line, pomegranate stem, bloom heart edge.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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