Fall

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.9 in (11.7 × 12.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy 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 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. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bough leaves, bough, acorn nuts, falling leaf, fallen leaves, mushroom stalks, mushroom caps, feet, face, spines, carried leaf, letters



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 15, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Bough end, acorn cups, mushroom gills, cap spots, ear, eye, nose



3. **Back stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 6, 8, 15, 16
   Leaf veins (colors 4, 6 and 8), edges of the bough end, mouth

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 4, 6, 8, 16, 17
   1 strand: leaf veins (colors 4, 6 and 8)
   3 strands: acorn stalks
   2 strands: leaf stalks, berry twigs

5. **Split stitch**
   colors 3, 6, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18
   1 strand: leaf edges, edges of the bough end, acorn edges, edges of the ear
   2 strands: letter edges

6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 19, 21
   Edges of the mushroom gills, berry highlights



7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 22
   Berries



8. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 15, 16, 17, 21
   Knots of the acorn cups, eye highlight



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 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	9	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	17	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
2	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	10	DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green	18	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	11	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	19	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
4	DMC 922 Light Copper	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	20	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
5	DMC 920 Medium Copper	13	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	21	DMC 712 Cream
6	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	14	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	22	DMC 350 Medium Coral
7	DMC 921 Copper	15	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	23	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
8	DMC 3822 Light Straw	16	DMC 433 Medium Brown		

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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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