Family in oak leaves

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

22 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. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Buttonhole leaf
2. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Plume stalks
3. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Half trellis leaf, trellis leaf
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Plum leaf, moss leaf, russet leaf, trunk and bough, left hill, right hill, front hill, quail breasts, quail wings, chicks (color 9)
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Slate leaf, acorns, letters, quail tails, quail bellies, quail heads, quail faces, quail plumes, chicks (color 2)
6. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Small leaves
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf veins (color 4), chain leaf, hill rows
8. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: leaf edges, leaf veins, bark lines (color 20), tendrils, letter middle line, hill edges, face bands
   3 strands: acorn stalks, quail legs
   1 strand: quail edges, acorn caps (color 20)
9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bark lines (colors 20 and 21), letter edges, wing lines, chick stripes
10. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
    Belly scales
11. **Straight stitch**
    2 strands: acorn tips, quail feet, flank stripes, quail bills, chick legs, chick bills, lines of the chick plumes
    3 strands: acorn caps (color 20)
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: leaf knots, knotted leaf, quail eyes
    1 strand: knots of the trellis leaf, knots of the acorn caps, chick eyes, knots of the chick plumes

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

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

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 3726 Dark Antique Mauve	9	DMC 3822 Light Straw	17	DMC 922 Light Copper
2	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	10	DMC 920 Medium Copper	18	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3727 Light Antique Mauve	11	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	19	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
4	DMC 3802 Very Dark Antique Mauve	12	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	20	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown
5	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	13	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	21	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
6	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	14	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	22	DMC 3865 Winter White
7	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	15	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue		
8	DMC 3364 Pine Green	16	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue		

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6 inch hoop

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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