Father in a laurel ring

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 4.7 in (12.7 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: stems
   2 strands: lines of the words, sprig

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cut stems, cut ends, leaves, turned leaf, berries, half leaves, words



3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins (colors 4 and 6), edges of the turned leaf, edges of the berries

4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: berry stalks, leaf outlines
   1 strand: leaf veins (color 4)

5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: berry highlights
   3 strands: gold binding



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

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.

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.

Buy: 13 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 3011 Dark Khaki Green	**6**	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	**11**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
2	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	**7**	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**12**	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
3	DMC 3821 Straw	**8**	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	**13**	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
4	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**9**	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green		
5	DMC 3364 Pine Green	**10**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz		

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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