Fortune favors the bold, dark roses

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.9 in (11.9 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

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.

Buy: 20 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 dark green cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Berry stalks

2. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Moth feelers (color 5)

3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Dusty roses (colors 2, 9 and 11), wine roses (colors 13, 14 and 15), bone roses (colors 16, 17 and 18), moth hind wings, moth wings, moth body



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Canes, thorns, sloe berries, dusty rose rims, sepals, bone rose rims, wine rose rims, wine roses (color 14), bone roses (color 16), dusty roses (color 9), moth wing bands, moth eye spots, moth head, words



6. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: lines of the canes
   2 strands: lines of the wine rose rims
   1 strand: moth wing lines

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: berry highlights, moth feelers (color 5)
   2 strands: edges of the dusty roses, edges of the bone roses



8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the moth body

9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf edges, moth wing edges, edges of the moth eye spots, edges of the words

10. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
    Moth back



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 520 Dark Fern Green	8	DMC 3866 Ultra Very Light Mocha	15	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
2	DMC 3721 Dark Shell Pink	9	DMC 3802 Very Dark Antique Mauve	16	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige
3	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	10	DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink	17	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
4	DMC 3053 Green Gray	11	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink	18	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
5	DMC 832 Golden Olive	12	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	19	DMC 712 Cream
6	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	13	DMC 498 Dark Red	20	DMC 676 Light Old Gold
7	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape		

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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 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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