Four in laurel

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.4 in (12.4 × 11.2 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 and knots.

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves, laurel berries, twine knot, words
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Seed stems, laurel branches, leaf stalks, leaf veins, berry stalks
4. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Seed rays
5. **Whipped back stitch**, 4 strands
   Twine bow
6. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Words

Floss

- **1 DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown**
  Seed rays and seed stems
- **2 DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold**
  Seed heads (darker)
- **3 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Seed heads (lighter)
- **4 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Laurel leaves (shade 3 of 8), laurel branches and leaf veins (lighter) and 1 more part
- **5 DMC 523 Light Fern Green**
  Laurel leaves (shade 8 of 8)
- **6 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Laurel leaves (shade 5 of 8)
- **7 DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta**
  Laurel leaves (shade 2 of 8), leaf stalks (middle)
- **8 DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta**
  Laurel leaves (shade 6 of 8)
- **9 DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green**
  Words, laurel leaves (shade 1 of 8), laurel branches (darker) and 3 more parts
- **10 DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green**
  Laurel leaves (shade 4 of 8)
- **11 DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green**
  Laurel leaves (shade 7 of 8)
- **12 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape** Laurel berries
- **13 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet** Berry lights
- **14 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Twine bow and twine knot (darker)
- **15 DMC 436 Tan** Twine bow and twine knot (lighter)

Stitches, continued

7. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Seed heads, berry lights

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 ring is one French knot. A dashed line is whipped back stitch.

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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4	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	9	DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green	14	DMC 434 Light Brown
5	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	10	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green	15	DMC 436 Tan

How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: laurel branches; 2 strands: seed stems, leaf stalks; 1 strand: leaf veins, berry stalks.
French knot. 2 strands: seed heads; 1 strand: berry lights.

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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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