Fur mama in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.4 in (11.9 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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: 24 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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Laurel stems
2. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Braided rug
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sweater, face and neck, skirt, hair, dog body, dog haunches, dog head, dog ear, cat body, cat ears, cat head, cat muzzle, dog tail, cat tail
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sweater collar, ear, earring, hair tie, dog collar, collar tag, noses, cat stripes, cat collar, cat ear lining, cat eye, cat pupil, hands, cuffs, letters
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry stalks, ear line, mouths (color 14)
7. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the sweater
8. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the hair
9. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Whiskers
10. **Split stitch**
    1 strand: fur edges, eye lines, mouths (color 14), finger lines, sleeve edges
    2 strands: closed eyes
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Laurel berries
12. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Hair curls

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 520 Dark Fern Green	9	DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	17	DMC 434 Light Brown
2	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	10	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand	18	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
3	DMC 522 Fern Green	11	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	19	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
4	DMC 3687 Mauve	12	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	20	DMC 317 Pewter Gray
5	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	13	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	21	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	14	DMC 3371 Black Brown	22	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
7	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	15	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	23	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
8	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand	16	DMC 436 Tan	24	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve

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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

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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