Gather in oak leaves

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20
   Oak leaves, bough ends, bough knot, acorns, acorn cups, eye, pupil, brow, beak, words



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
   Boughs, tail, body, wings, head, face



3. **Stem stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11
   1 strand: leaf veins
   2 strands: leaf stalks
   3 strands: acorn stalks

4. **Straight stitch**
   colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 16, 17, 18
   1 strand: leaf veins
   2 strands: lines of the stars, eye highlight



5. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, color 14
   Breast



6. **Split stitch**
   colors 10, 12, 13, 18, 21, 22
   1 strand: edges of the bough ends, edges of the bough knot, edges of the tail, wing feathers, edges of the face
   2 strands: edges of the words

7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 16, 17, 18
   Moon



8. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 9, 10, 11, 12, 18
   1 strand: knots of the acorn cups
   2 strands: knots of the stars



9. **Bullion knot**, 3 strands, color 3
   Feet



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 3364 Pine Green	9	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	17	DMC 676 Light Old Gold
2	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	10	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	18	DMC 712 Cream
3	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	11	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	19	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	12	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	20	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	13	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	21	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	14	DMC 433 Medium Brown	22	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
7	DMC 921 Copper	15	DMC 437 Light Tan	23	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
8	DMC 919 Red Copper	16	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold		

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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

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

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