Happy Halloween lantern flower wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.4 in (11.7 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: twigs
   1 strand: snowberry stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Dark leaves, sage leaves, dahlia petals



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snowberry leaves, lantern pods, tiny faces, marigold petals, lettering, small lettering



4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry edges

5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Lantern stems

6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Lantern ribs

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: green cup
   1 strand: marigold lights



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snowberries



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: marigold centers
   1 strand: dahlia centers



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 500 Very Dark Blue Green	6	DMC 3341 Apricot	11	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
2	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	7	DMC 350 Medium Coral	12	DMC 743 Medium Yellow
3	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	8	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice	13	DMC 3835 Medium Grape
4	DMC 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	14	DMC 3834 Dark Grape
5	DMC 3340 Medium Apricot	10	DMC 920 Medium Copper	15	DMC 3836 Light Grape

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6 inch hoop

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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



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