Heart padlock in laurel

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red 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.

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 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), embroidery needles size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Shackle, garnet face



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems, case side, case, collars, keyhole



3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves



4. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the laurel leaves
   2 strands: filigree vine

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf edges, shackle edge, escutcheon edge

6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry highlights



7. **Couching**, 5 strands
   Couched border



8. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Filigree leaves



9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, escutcheon



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps
    Filigree knots, rivets



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

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6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	8	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	15	DMC 321 Red
2	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	9	DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold	16	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
3	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	10	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	17	DMC 498 Dark Red
4	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	11	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold	18	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
5	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	12	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	19	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
6	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	13	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	20	DMC 310 Black
7	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	14	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow		

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; 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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