Home in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.7 in (10.9 × 11.9 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

16 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: lines of the lantern
   5 strands: lines of the cat

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



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Smoke, chimney, chimney cap, beam, stems, shutters, window frame, lit panes, window box, letters, door, lantern glass, lantern, bird, bird breast, cat, cat bib, tree stem, bay tree, flower pot, sill, ribbon, berries



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: shutter edges, letter edges, ribbon edge
   3 strands: window bars, door edge

5. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: bird bill
   2 strands: cat nose
   1 strand: berry highlight



6. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: geranium leaves, geraniums, door knob, knots of the bay tree
   1 strand: bird eye, cat eyes



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 926 Medium Gray Green	**7**	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**13**	DMC 3822 Light Straw
2	DMC 3830 Terra Cotta	**8**	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green	**14**	DMC 350 Medium Coral
3	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta	**9**	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**15**	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
4	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**10**	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	**16**	DMC 712 Cream
5	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**11**	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise		
6	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	**12**	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise		

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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

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



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