Home in oak leaves

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

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
   Tendrils
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Branch, letters, acorns, acorn cups, squirrel eye
3. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis leaf trellis
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Turning leaf, chain leaf ground, garnet leaf, curled leaf, squirrel tail, squirrel, squirrel belly, squirrel ears
5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Young leaves
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bark lines
7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: turning leaf edge, trellis leaf edge, knotted leaf edge, knotted leaf vein, garnet leaf edge, garnet leaf veins, curled leaf edge
   1 strand: turning leaf veins, curled leaf veins
   3 strands: chain leaf edge, chain leaf vein, letter edges, acorn stalks
   5 strands: edges of the squirrel
8. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Letter trellis
9. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis leaf border, chain leaf rows, letter chain
10. **Straight stitch**
    2 strands: acorn tips
    1 strand: squirrel eye highlight
11. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: knots of the trellis leaf trellis, knots of the acorn cups
    2 strands: knotted leaf knots, letter knots

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 3012 Medium Khaki Green	6	DMC 920 Medium Copper	11	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green
2	DMC 433 Medium Brown	7	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	12	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green
3	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	8	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	13	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green
4	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	9	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	14	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green
5	DMC 922 Light Copper	10	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown	15	DMC 712 Cream

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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; 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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