Hooray in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 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: 15 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 5 for 4 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. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Mouse tail

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



3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: legs, waistcoat, horn (color 4), arms, head
   1 strand: ears



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Letters, waistcoat flowers, waistcoat hem, horn (color 4), horn bell, horn bands, inner ears, nose, eyes, cheek, collar, mouse feet, mouse ears, mouse, mouse shirt, drum, drum rims, drum head



5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: laurel stems, edges of the drum rims, lines of the drumsticks
   2 strands: horn edge, brows, mouth
   1 strand: paw lines

6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Claws, drum cords



7. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: knots of the waistcoat flowers, knots of the waistcoat hem, laurel berries, mouse nose, mouse eye, knots of the drumsticks
   1 strand: eye highlights



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

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

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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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 3755 Baby Blue	6	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	11	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	7	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	12	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue
3	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	8	DMC 437 Light Tan	13	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	9	DMC 3371 Black Brown	14	DMC 3822 Light Straw
5	DMC 712 Cream	10	DMC 321 Red	15	DMC 666 Bright Red

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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

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

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