Hope in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.8 in (11.9 × 12.2 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 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: branches
   1 strand: berry stalks

2. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Bee legs, antennae

3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: leaves (colors 2 and 6), berries, skep, skep door, hive board, bee bodies, bee stripes, bee heads, bee fur, words
   1 strand: wings



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



5. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf outlines

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



7. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Skep rows, skep door edge



8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Wing edges

9. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Edges of the words

10. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
    Knots of the bee fur



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

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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 3051 Dark Green Gray	**6**	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	**11**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
2	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	**7**	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	**12**	DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige
3	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	**8**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	**13**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	**9**	DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige	**14**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
5	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	**10**	DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige	**15**	DMC 3821 Straw

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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.



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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