Hugs in laurel

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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, color 1
   Laurel stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3
   Laurel leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
   Tails, tail tips, bodies, bibs, arms, socks, ears, inner ears, heads, cheeks



4. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 16
   Bow, bow folds, paws, eyes, noses, letters



5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 15
   Berry stalks, toes



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 5, 8
   Fur edges, letter edges

7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 6
   Berries, heart, bow



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 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	7	DMC 922 Light Copper	13	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
2	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	8	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	14	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
3	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	9	DMC 920 Medium Copper	15	DMC 437 Light Tan
4	DMC 498 Dark Red	10	DMC 921 Copper	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	11	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold		
6	DMC 321 Red	12	DMC 712 Cream		

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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 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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