Kiss me in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.6 in (12.2 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: black cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

7 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 742; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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
   Laurel stems, tulip stem
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Coats (color 5)
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves, berries, tails, ears, ear linings, coats (color 5), haunch leaves, haunch tulips, collars, eyes, noses, letters, foot leaves, foot flower, tulip leaves, tulip
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Berry stalks
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Coat edges
6. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the haunch tulips
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Coat lines, ground line
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Back dots, whisker dots

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 701 Light Green
2 DMC 703 Chartreuse
3 DMC 666 Bright Red
4 DMC 712 Cream
5 DMC 742 Light Tangerine
6 DMC 3845 Medium Bright Turquoise
7 DMC 310 Black

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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 ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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