Kisses in laurel

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

14 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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, color 1
   Laurel stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4
   Laurel leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12
   Bow (color 5), tail, swan, wing feathers, small wing feathers, shoulder, heads



4. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14
   Bow (color 6), bow folds, ripples, bills, masks, letters



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 7, 9, 10
   Bow edges, feather edges, swan edges

6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 6
   Bow, i dot



7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 5, 13
   2 strands: berries
   1 strand: eyes



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 3364 Pine Green	**6**	DMC 349 Dark Coral	**11**	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet
2	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	**7**	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red	**12**	DMC 3865 Winter White
3	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	**8**	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	**13**	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
4	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	**9**	DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet	**14**	DMC 963 Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
5	DMC 351 Coral	**10**	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet		

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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; 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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