Laurel leaf bookmark

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2.9 × 4.6 in (7.4 × 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

18 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**, 2 strands
   Berry stalks

2. **Satin stitch**
   3 strands: frame
   2 strands: vine frame, scrolls, branch, turned edges



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sun, leaves



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: sun edge, midribs
   4 strands: fold shadows

5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Berry highlights, berry tips



6. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



Take out lines that still show, press face down on soft cloth.

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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 3829 Very Dark Old Gold	7	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	13	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green
2	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	8	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	14	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
3	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	9	DMC 3364 Pine Green	15	DMC 553 Violet
4	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	10	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	16	DMC 552 Medium Violet
5	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	11	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	17	DMC 554 Light Violet
6	DMC 522 Fern Green	12	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	18	DMC 211 Light Lavender

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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

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

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