Poinsettia and laurel wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.5 in (11.9 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

13 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. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Outlined laurel (color 1)
2. **Outline stitch**, 2 strands
   Outlined laurel (color 1)
3. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Laurel stems
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold laurel, green leaves (colors 5 and 9)
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Green leaves (colors 5 and 8)
6. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bracts
7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry eyes
8. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: berry stems
   4 strands: bloom stems
9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bract veins
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Berries
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Bloom centers, coral light

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 524 Very Light Fern Green	**6**	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	**11**	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
2	DMC 829 Very Dark Golden Olive	**7**	DMC 712 Cream	**12**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
3	DMC 831 Medium Golden Olive	**8**	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	**13**	DMC 352 Light Coral
4	DMC 833 Light Golden Olive	**9**	DMC 522 Fern Green		
5	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	**10**	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray		

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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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