# Leafcutter ants with leaves and a petal

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

## Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves, bud, petals, vine, petal piece, gaster, thorax, head, small leaf pieces, leaf disc
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Calyx, throat, column, legs, waist, neck, jaws, eye, hips
3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Ring
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Ring, leaf veins, bud stalk, vine, vine edges, legs, antennae, feet, leaf edges
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges, calyx edges, petal veins, body edges
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Filaments, feet, waist, spines, jaws, eye, neck, eye light
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Anthers, stigma

## Floss

- **1 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany**
  Ring and jaws (darker), head, gaster and thorax (middle), waist (dark)
- **2 DMC 469 Avocado Green**
  Leaves and vine (dark), ring (lighter), leaf disc and calyx (darkest) and 2 more parts
- **3 DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green**
  Leaves and vine (darkest), vine edges (darker), leaf veins (dark), calyx edges
- **4 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Vine (light), leaf disc, calyx and small leaf pieces (dark), leaves (middle)
- **5 DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green**
  Vine edges (lighter), leaf disc (middle), leaves (light) and 3 more parts
- **6 DMC 165 Very Light Moss Green**
  Leaf disc, small leaf pieces, calyx and leaves (lightest), leaf veins (light)
- **7 DMC 3819 Light Moss Green**
  Leaf disc and small leaf pieces (light), leaf edges, leaf veins (middle)
- **8 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Petals and bud (dark), petal veins (lighter), stigma
- **9 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Petal edges and throat, petals and bud (darkest), petal veins (darker)
- **10 DMC 351 Coral**
  Petals and bud (middle), column, petal piece (dark)
- **11 DMC 352 Light Coral** Petals and bud (light), petal piece (middle)
- **12 DMC 353 Peach**
  Petals and bud (lightest), filaments, petal piece (light)
- **13 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Anthers (darker)
- **14 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Anthers (lighter), eye light
- **15 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Legs, antennae and feet (darker), body edges, gaster, thorax and head (darkest)
- **16 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany**
  Gaster, thorax and head (light), legs, feet and antennae (lighter) and 4 more parts
- **17 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Gaster, head and thorax (dark), neck, waist (darkest)
- **18 DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany**
  Gaster, head, thorax and waist (lightest)
- **19 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Eye

## Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.


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**6 inch hoop**

## How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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| **1** | DMC 301 Medium Mahogany | **8** | DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon | **15** | DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany |
| **2** | DMC 469 Avocado Green | **9** | DMC 815 Medium Garnet | **16** | DMC 3776 Light Mahogany |
| **3** | DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green | **10** | DMC 351 Coral | **17** | DMC 400 Dark Mahogany |
| **4** | DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green | **11** | DMC 352 Light Coral | **18** | DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany |
| **5** | DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green | **12** | DMC 353 Peach | **19** | DMC 3371 Black Brown |
| **6** | DMC 165 Very Light Moss Green | **13** | DMC 783 Medium Topaz | | |
| **7** | DMC 3819 Light Moss Green | **14** | DMC 3822 Light Straw | | |

## How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: vine; 3 strands: bud stalk, feet; 1 to 3 strands: antennae; 2 strands: legs; 1 or 2 strands: leaf veins, vine edges; 1 strand: ring, leaf edges.
Straight stitch. 1 or 3 strands: spines; 2 strands: feet, waist, jaws, neck; 1 strand: filaments, eye, eye light.


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**6 inch hoop**

Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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**6 inch hoop**

Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.




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25.4 mm

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