Leafy vine edging

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 3.2 in (12.2 × 8.1 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

16 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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: tendrils
   2 strands: chain leaf edge, berry stalks

2. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis leaf lattice



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Acanthus leaf, trellis leaf, rust leaf, vine



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Half open leaf, ochre leaf, ink leaf, turned edge, berries



5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain leaf rows, ink leaf edge (color 3), acanthus vein, trellis leaf vein



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Ochre leaf edge

7. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: ink leaf ribs
   1 strand: caterpillar feelers



8. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: half open leaf edge, ochre leaf vein, ink leaf edge (color 13), turned edge outline, trellis leaf edge, rust leaf edge, rust leaf vein
   1 strand: acanthus edge, vine edge

9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: half open leaf knots, caterpillar head
   1 strand: knots of the trellis leaf lattice, berry highlights



10. **Bullion knot**, 4 strands
    Caterpillar



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 3363 Medium Pine Green	**7**	DMC 927 Light Gray Green	**13**	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue
2	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**8**	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	**14**	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**9**	DMC 926 Medium Gray Green	**15**	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**10**	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green	**16**	DMC 3364 Pine Green
5	DMC 920 Medium Copper	**11**	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany		
6	DMC 922 Light Copper	**12**	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue		

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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

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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