House in a wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.8 in (11.9 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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.

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.

Buy: 24 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Ring stems
2. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the hawthorn leaves, lines of the ivy leaves
   1 strand: wall edges
3. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: hawthorn veins, ivy veins (color 5)
   2 strands: hawthorn stalks, ivy stalks
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Path, wren tail, wren breast, wren back, wren head, wren throat, wren wing
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Hawthorn leaves, ivy leaves, stone walls, window panes, window sills, shutters, door arch, door, doorstep, roof shingles, roof ridge, gable boards, chimney, chimney cap, chimney pots, wren bill
6. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Olive leaves
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Olive veins, window bars
8. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the olive leaves, window frames
   1 strand: shutter edges, door edge, shingle edges, gable board edges, chimney edges, path edges
9. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Ivy veins (color 9), berry highlights, berry tips, wren bars, wren legs
10. **Stem stitch**
    2 strands: berry stalks
    1 strand: wren eyebrow
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Hawthorn berries
12. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: door knob, wren eye
    2 strands: shrubs

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 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	9	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	17	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
2	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	10	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	18	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood
3	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	11	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta	19	DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood
4	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	12	DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta	20	DMC 317 Pewter Gray
5	DMC 522 Fern Green	13	DMC 712 Cream	21	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green
6	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green	14	DMC 3023 Light Brown Gray	22	DMC 169 Light Pewter
7	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	15	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	23	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
8	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	16	DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray	24	DMC 437 Light Tan

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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.



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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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