Love in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 3.8 in (11.9 × 9.7 cm)



A number is a row of the list.
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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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 2 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 2 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 2 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.

Floss

DMC 3865 Winter White
Lettering, scallop edge, scallop band, berries, bow, heart and bow knot, padded leaves (lighter)

DMC 415 Pearl Gray
Outlined leaves, scallop line and berry stalks

DMC 822 Light Beige Gray
Padded leaves (darker), laurel stems, leaf veins and bow tails

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: laurel stems
   2 strands: berry stalks

2. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Outlined leaves

3. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Scallop edge



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Scallop band, bow tails, bow, lettering



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Scallop line

6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins

7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, padded leaves, bow knot, heart, lettering



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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6 inch hoop

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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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