Mamaw in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: charcoal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19
   Woody stems, leaves, outside of the cups, laurel cups, bee wings



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 9, 10, 23
   Buds, letters



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 6, 7, 8
   1 strand: lines of the leaves, leaf shine
   2 strands: bud stalks

4. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 10, 11, 17, 20
   Bud ridges, filaments, bee legs



5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 11
   Maroon rings

6. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 11, 14
   1 strand: maroon dots
   2 strands: flower centers



7. **Turkey work**
   2 strands, colors 20, 21, 22, 23
   Bee stripes, bee tail, bee shoulders



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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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 760 Salmon	17	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	10	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon	18	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
3	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	11	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	19	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
4	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	12	DMC 761 Light Salmon	20	DMC 310 Black
5	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	13	DMC 3713 Very Light Salmon	21	DMC 3822 Light Straw
6	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	14	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	22	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
7	DMC 3364 Pine Green	15	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	23	DMC 712 Cream
8	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	16	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink		

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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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