Medieval vertical oak leaf border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.3 × 4.5 in (5.8 × 11.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Oak apples, acorns, acorn cups, vine
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Young leaves, great leaves
3. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Outer frame
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Inner frame, shoots, young leaves veins, great leaves veins
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Young leaves edges, great leaves edges
6. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Oak apple lights, acorn cup knots

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Vine (darker), outer frame and shoots
- **2 DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Inner frame and oak apples
- **3 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Vine (lighter), great leaves edges and great leaves veins and 3 more parts
- **4 DMC 3815 Dark Celadon Green**
  Great leaves and young leaves (shade 3 of 7)
- **5 DMC 3816 Celadon Green**
  Great leaves and young leaves (shade 5 of 7)
- **6 DMC 3813 Light Blue Green**
  Great leaves and young leaves (shade 6 of 7)
- **7 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany** Acorns (light)
- **8 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany** Acorns (dark)
- **9 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany** Acorns (middle)
- **10 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Acorn cups
- **11 DMC 437 Light Tan** Acorn cup knots
- **12 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Great leaves and young leaves (shade 1 of 7)
- **13 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Great leaves and young leaves (shade 2 of 7)
- **14 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Great leaves and young leaves (shade 4 of 7)
- **15 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Great leaves and young leaves (shade 7 of 7)

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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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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 or 3 strands: shoots; 2 strands: inner frame, young leaves veins; 1 or 2 strands: great leaves veins.
French knot. 2 strands: acorn cup knots; 1 strand: oak apple lights.

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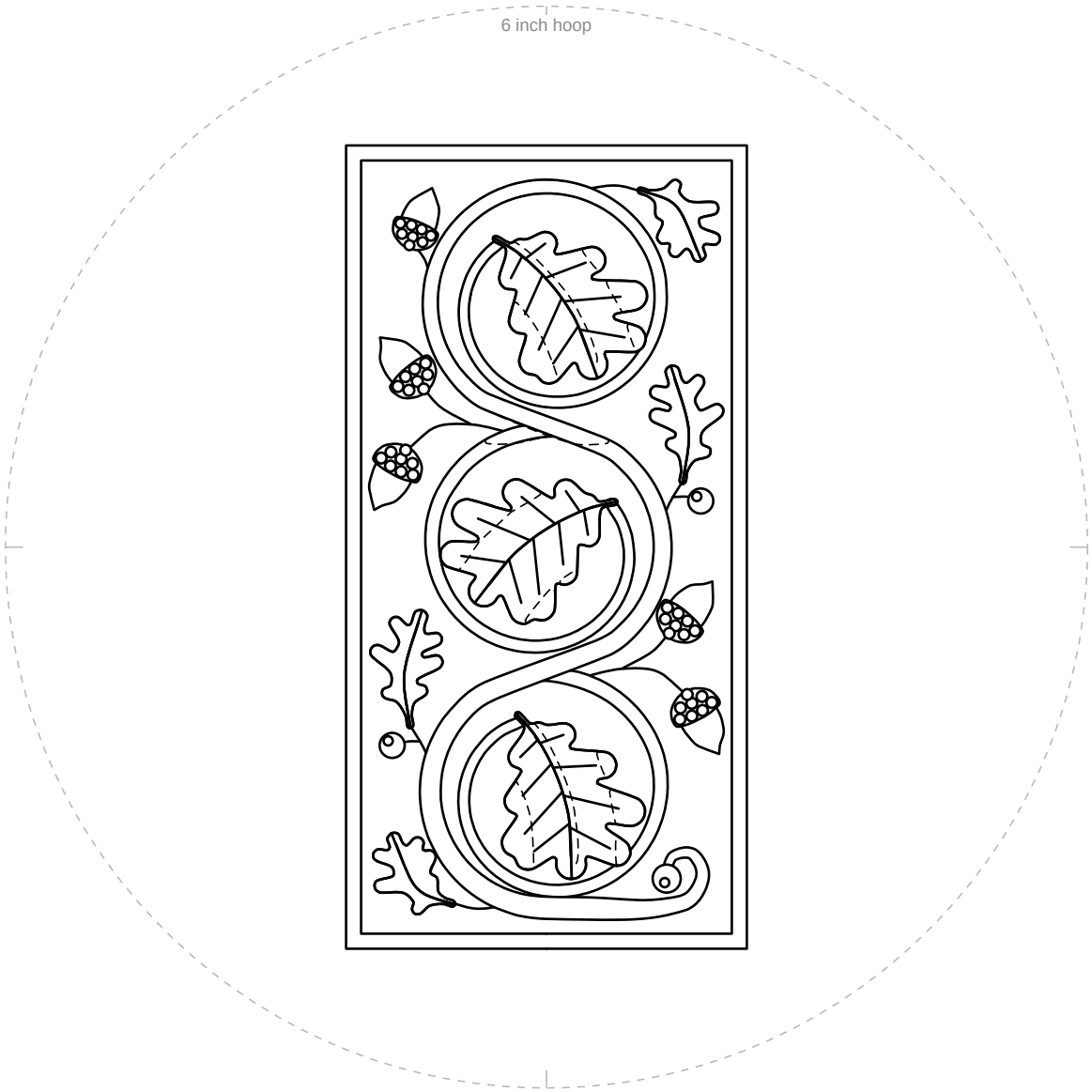
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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