Mimi in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.3 in (11.4 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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.

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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 21
   Boughs, cut end, buds, bills, eyes, letters



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 6, 7
   Leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
   Blooms, tails, birds, crowns and backs, wings, small wing feathers



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 6, 7, 8, 15
   1 strand: bough shadows, lines of the leaves, feather lines
   2 strands: bud stalks, legs

5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 11, 13
   Bud flutes, stamens, eye highlights, toes



6. **Split stitch**
   colors 8, 11, 15, 18, 22
   1 strand: bud edges, bloom edges, bird edges, wing edges
   2 strands: letter edges

7. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 6, 11
   1 strand: stamen tip pockets
   2 strands: pistils



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 840 Medium Beige Brown	9	DMC 3689 Light Mauve	17	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz
2	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	10	DMC 3688 Medium Mauve	18	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
3	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	11	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	19	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	12	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink	20	DMC 726 Light Topaz
5	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	13	DMC 3865 Winter White	21	DMC 3371 Black Brown
6	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	14	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	22	DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet
7	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	15	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green		
8	DMC 3687 Mauve	16	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green		

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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.

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



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