Mom in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.7 × 4.4 in (9.4 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

17 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**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
   2 strands: glass
   1 strand: holly leaves, ribbon (color 9)



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16
   Reflected light, glass highlight, curled tips, letters, wreath, wreath leaves, ribbon (color 9), ribbon lining



3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 7
   Gold bands



4. **Stem stitch**
   colors 7, 8, 10, 15, 17
   2 strands: gold scallops, rim shadow, cap edge
   1 strand: leaf veins, letter shading
   3 strands: cap ring

5. **Couching**, 6 strands, colors 7, 10
   Gold rim



6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 12, 13, 15
   Leaf edges

7. **Straight stitch**, colors 10, 16
   2 strands: berry highlights
   1 strand: cap ribs



8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16
   Berries, letters, wreath berries, cap, ribbon knot



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 8, 9
   Gold dots, red dots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 3832 Medium Raspberry	**7**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**13**	DMC 562 Medium Jade
2	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**8**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**14**	DMC 563 Light Jade
3	DMC 498 Dark Red	**9**	DMC 666 Bright Red	**15**	DMC 564 Very Light Jade
4	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry	**10**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**16**	DMC 712 Cream
5	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	**11**	DMC 505 Jade Green	**17**	DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige
6	DMC 818 Baby Pink	**12**	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green		

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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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