Moth under a leaf arch for a handbag

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.2 in (12.2 × 10.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Willow leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Willow leaves, willow bough, broad bough, front wing edges, eyespots
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Broad leaves, back wings, tails, front wings
4. **Fern stitch**, 1 strand
   Antennae
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Willow leaf outlines, broad leaf middle veins, clasp tendril, front wing edges
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Willow leaf veins, broad leaf veins
7. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Broad leaf outlines, wing veins

Floss

- **1 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Broad leaves and willow leaves (dark)
- **2 DMC 523 Light Fern Green**
  Broad leaves and willow leaves (light), willow leaf outlines and 3 more parts
- **3 DMC 3364 Pine Green**
  Broad leaves and willow leaves (middle)
- **4 DMC 676 Light Old Gold**
  Broad bough and willow bough (light), broad leaf middle veins and 3 more parts
- **5 DMC 729 Medium Old Gold**
  Willow bough, broad bough and front wing edges (middle), clasp tendril
- **6 DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold**
  Broad bough, front wing edges and willow bough (dark)
- **7 DMC 3816 Celadon Green**
  Back wings and front wings (darkest), wing veins
- **8 DMC 3817 Light Celadon Green**
  Front wings and back wings (dark), tails (darker)
- **9 DMC 966 Medium Baby Green**
  Front wings and back wings (light), tails (lighter)
- **10 DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green**
  Front wings and back wings (lightest)
- **11 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Eyespots (darkest)
- **12 DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink**
  Eyespots (dark)
- **13 DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink**
  Eyespots (lightest)
- **14 DMC 712 Cream** Body (lighter)
- **15 DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold** Body (darker)

Stitches, continued

8. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Antennae
9. **Turkey work**, 1 strand
   Body

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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6 inch hoop

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.

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. 3 strands: clasp tendril; 1 or 2 strands: willow leaf outlines; 1 strand: broad leaf middle veins, front wing edges.
Split stitch. 2 strands: broad leaf outlines; 1 strand: wing veins.

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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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