Mr in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.8 in (11.9 × 12.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

10 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 1
   Berry stalks

2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
   Laurel leaves



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 8
   Cut stems, letter shading, bow tie back



4. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 7, 8, 9, 10
   Bow tie



5. **Split stitch**, colors 4, 7, 8
   1 strand: letter edges
   3 strands: lines in the letters
   2 strands: bow tie edges, bow tie folds

6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
   Berries, letters, bow tie knot



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 6
   Bow tie dots



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

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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 782 Dark Topaz	**5** DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**9** DMC 815 Medium Garnet
2 DMC 3822 Light Straw	**6** DMC 3865 Winter White	**10** DMC 321 Red
3 DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**7** DMC 498 Dark Red	
4 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**8** DMC 814 Dark Garnet	

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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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