# My love in laurel

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 5 × 4.8 in (12.7 × 12.2 cm).




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

## Stitch in this order

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

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, gold fan, wing feathers, wing coverts, wing shoulder, bills, masks, letters
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bodies, heads
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Laurel stems, water lines
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather edges
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Eyes

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 783 Medium Topaz**
  Feather edges and laurel stems, water lines and gold fan (darker)
- **2 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green**
  Laurel leaves (middle)
- **3 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Laurel leaves (dark)
- **4 DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green**
  Laurel leaves (light)
- **5 DMC 3821 Straw**
  Letters and berries, gold fan (lighter)
- **6 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Wing feathers, wing shoulder and heads (darker), bodies (light)
- **7 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Bodies (lightest), wing feathers, wing shoulder and heads (lighter)
- **8 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Wing coverts
- **9 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Bodies (darkest)
- **10 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Bodies (dark), water lines (lighter)
- **11 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Bills
- **12 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue**
  Masks and eyes

## 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.

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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| **1** | DMC 783 Medium Topaz | **5** | DMC 3821 Straw | **9** | DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue |
| **2** | DMC 503 Medium Blue Green | **6** | DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl... | **10** | DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue |
| **3** | DMC 501 Dark Blue Green | **7** | DMC 3865 Winter White | **11** | DMC 350 Medium Coral |
| **4** | DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green | **8** | DMC 932 Light Antique Blue | **12** | DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue |

## How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: laurel stems; 2 or 3 strands: water lines.



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**6 inch hoop**

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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**6 inch hoop**

Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

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