New baby in a laurel wreath

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.4 × 4.6 in (8.6 × 11.7 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 knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame, star, legs, bundle knot, bill, eye, letters
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Flight feathers, wing coverts, small coverts, wing shoulders, tail, thighs, body, neck, head, bare feet, bundle
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Frame line, tendrils, laurel stems, legs, bundle hem, bundle stripes, bundle folds, bill line
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Berry stalks, eye light
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather edges
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Berries, toes

Floss

- **1 DMC 729 Medium Old Gold** Frame and bundle hem
- **2 DMC 680 Dark Old Gold** Frame line
- **3 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Laurel leaves (light), tendrils and berry stalks
- **4 DMC 676 Light Old Gold** Berries and star
- **5 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Laurel leaves (dark), laurel stems
- **6 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green** Laurel leaves (darkest)
- **7 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Laurel leaves (lightest)
- **8 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet**
  Flight feathers (dark)
- **9 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet**
  Wing coverts (darkest), flight feathers (middle), tail (dark), bundle stripes
- **10 DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet**
  Feather edges (darker), small coverts and neck (middle) and 6 more parts
- **11 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Wing coverts, small coverts, body and neck (dark), tail (middle) and 2 more parts
- **12 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Neck and body (light), wing shoulders and feather edges (lighter) and 5 more parts
- **13 DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown** Legs and bill
- **14 DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta**
  Bare feet (lighter), toes
- **15 DMC 3064 Desert Sand** Bare feet (darker)
- **16 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Bundle (middle), bundle knot (darker)
- **17 DMC 746 Off White**
  Letters, bundle (light), bundle knot (lighter)
- **18 DMC 3045 Dark Yellow Beige**
  Bundle (dark), bundle folds
- **19 DMC 920 Medium Copper** Bill line
- **20 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray** Eye

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: frame line, laurel stems, legs, bundle hem; 2 or 3 strands: tendrils; 2 strands: bundle stripes; 1 strand: bundle folds, bill line.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: berry stalks; 1 strand: eye light.
French knot. 2 strands: berries; 1 strand: toes.

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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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