New home key in a laurel heart

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.4 in (11.4 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

14 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**
   3 strands: laurel stems
   1 strand: berry stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon, house chimney, house windows



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Key edge (color 10)

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Ribbon edge, house edge, key edge (color 10)

6. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Key bit, key shank, key tip, key bow, key collar, house walls, house door, house roof, ribbon knot, binding



7. **French knot**
   3 strands, two wraps
   Berries



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 3051 Dark Green Gray	6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink
2	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	7	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	12	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink
3	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	8	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	13	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
4	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	9	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	14	DMC 712 Cream
5	DMC 351 Coral	10	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown		

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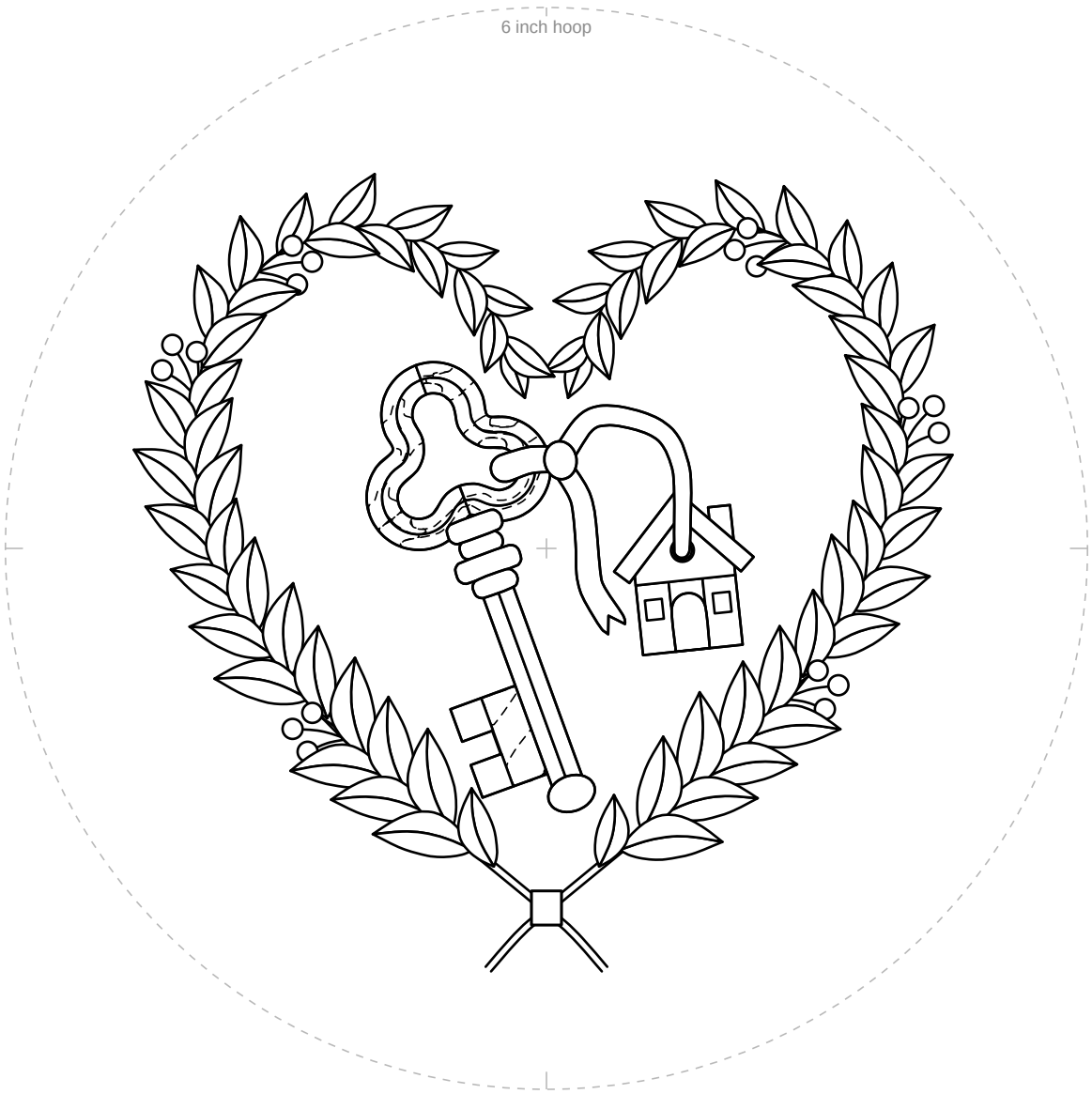
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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