Vertical medieval oak leaf border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.3 × 4.4 in (5.8 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame blocks, frame corners, vine, acorn cups, collars
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Oak leaves, acorn nuts
3. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Acorn cups
4. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Frame bars
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Frame lines, leaf veins, tendrils, collar edges
6. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Leaf edges, acorn edges, vine light, leaf veins
7. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Frame corners, gold knots, collar knots

Floss

- **1 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Frame blocks and frame corners (darker), collar knots
- **2 DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Frame blocks (lighter), oak leaves (shade 4 of 9), leaf edges (light)
- **3 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Leaf veins and frame bars, acorn cups (lightest), frame corners (lighter)
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Frame lines, vine light, collars and gold knots, acorn cups (light)
- **5 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Vine (darker), acorn nuts (dark), acorn cups (darkest), tendrils
- **6 DMC 920 Medium Copper**
  Oak leaves (shade 5 of 9)
- **7 DMC 922 Light Copper**
  Oak leaves (shade 8 of 9)
- **8 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper**
  Oak leaves (shade 1 of 9), leaf edges (dark)
- **9 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Vine (lighter), acorn nuts (light), acorn cups (dark)
- **10 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Oak leaves (shade 2 of 9), leaf edges (middle)
- **11 DMC 3346 Hunter Green**
  Oak leaves (shade 3 of 9)
- **12 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Oak leaves (shade 7 of 9)
- **13 DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green**
  Oak leaves (shade 9 of 9)
- **14 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Oak leaves (shade 6 of 9)
- **15 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Acorn edges and collar edges, acorn nuts (darkest)
- **16 DMC 437 Light Tan** Acorn nuts (lightest)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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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How to read it

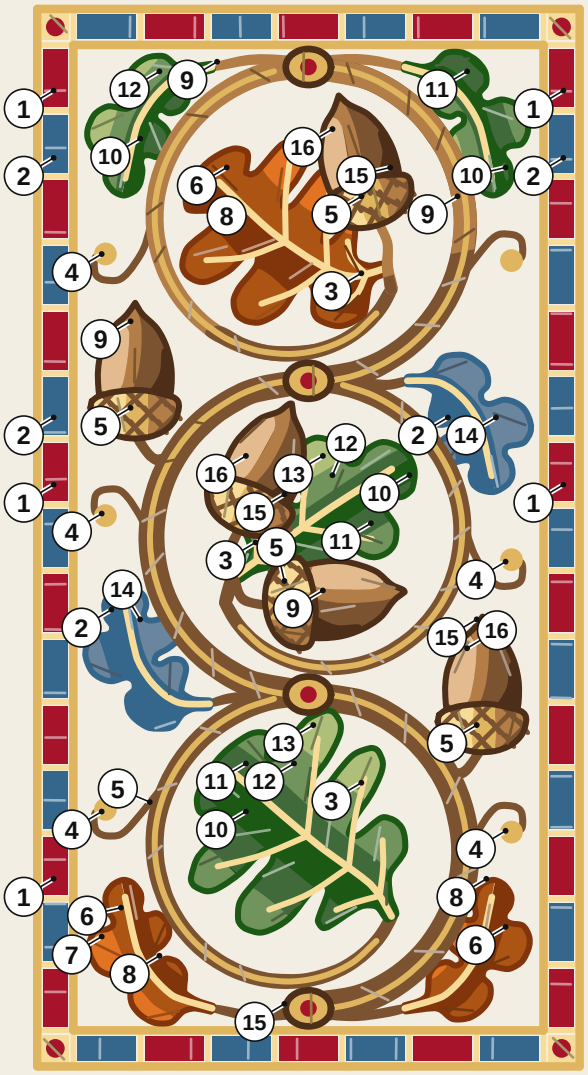
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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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2	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	**8**	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	**14**	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
3	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**9**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	**15**	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**10**	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**16**	DMC 437 Light Tan
5	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**11**	DMC 3346 Hunter Green		
6	DMC 920 Medium Copper	**12**	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green		

How many strands

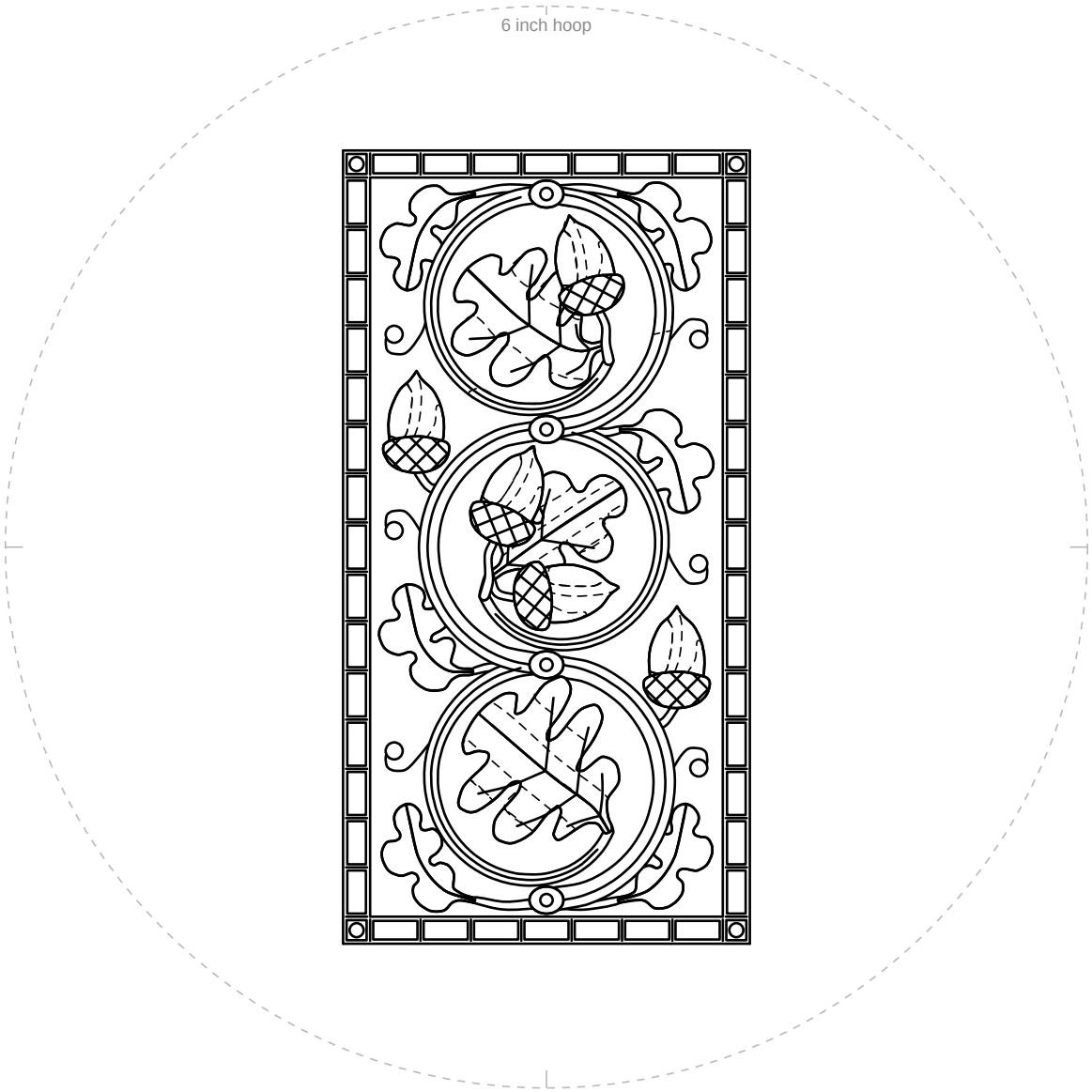
Stem stitch. 3 strands: frame lines; 2 strands: tendrils; 1 or 2 strands: leaf veins; 1 strand: collar edges.
Split stitch. 1 or 2 strands: leaf edges; 1 strand: acorn edges, vine light, leaf veins.

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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

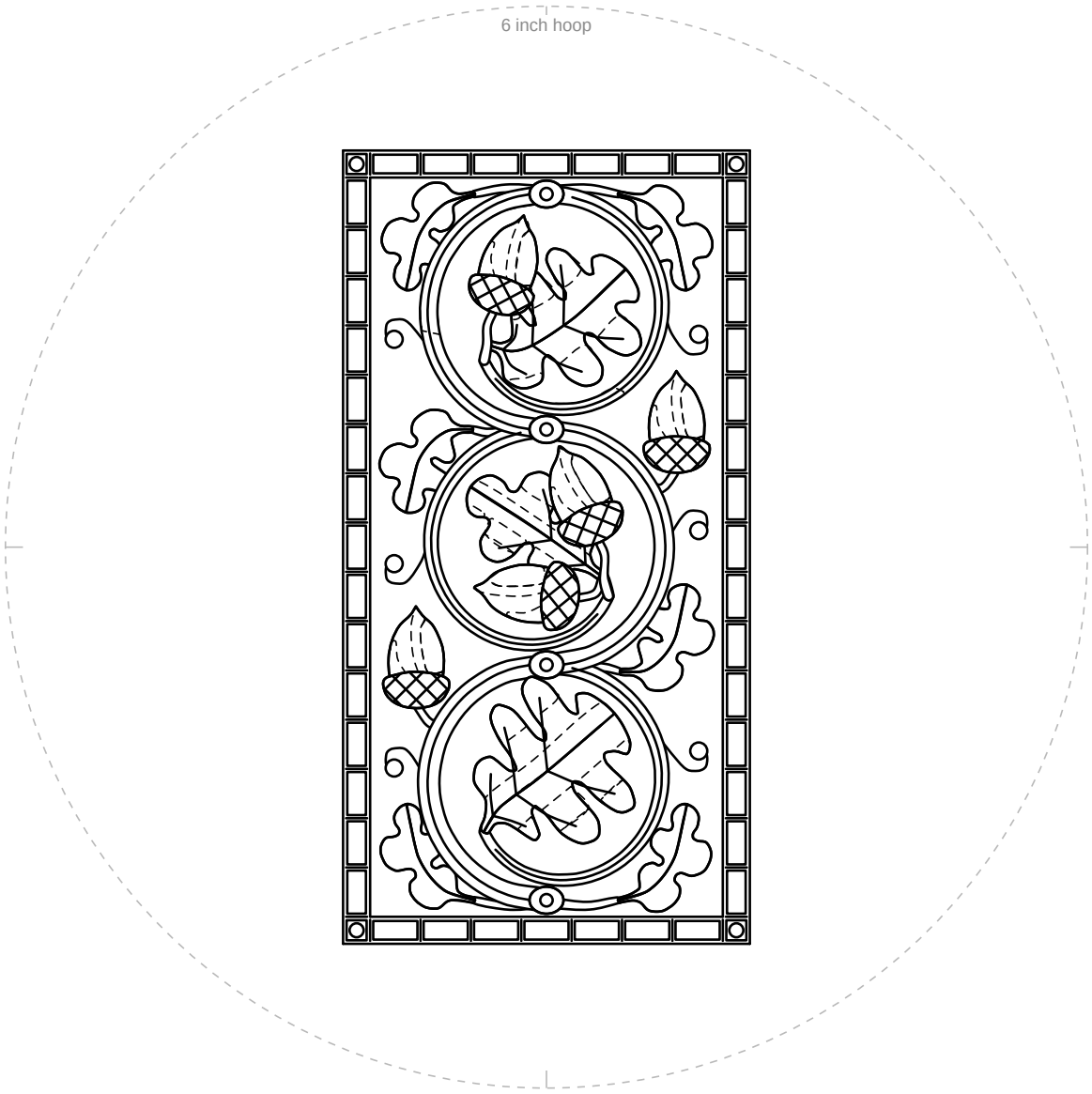
Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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