Olive branch edging

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.2 in (10.7 × 10.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

19 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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
   Leaf stalks

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Back leaves, leaves, twigs, boughs, cut ends



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Green olives, ripe olives, turning olives



4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Scallop edge, inner line, bough shadows, olive stalks

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, edges of the cut ends

6. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Scallops



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Edge knots, olive caps



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 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	8	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	15	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
2	DMC 336 Navy Blue	9	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	10	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	17	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	11	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	18	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet
5	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	12	DMC 469 Avocado Green	19	DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve
6	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	13	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green		
7	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	14	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green		

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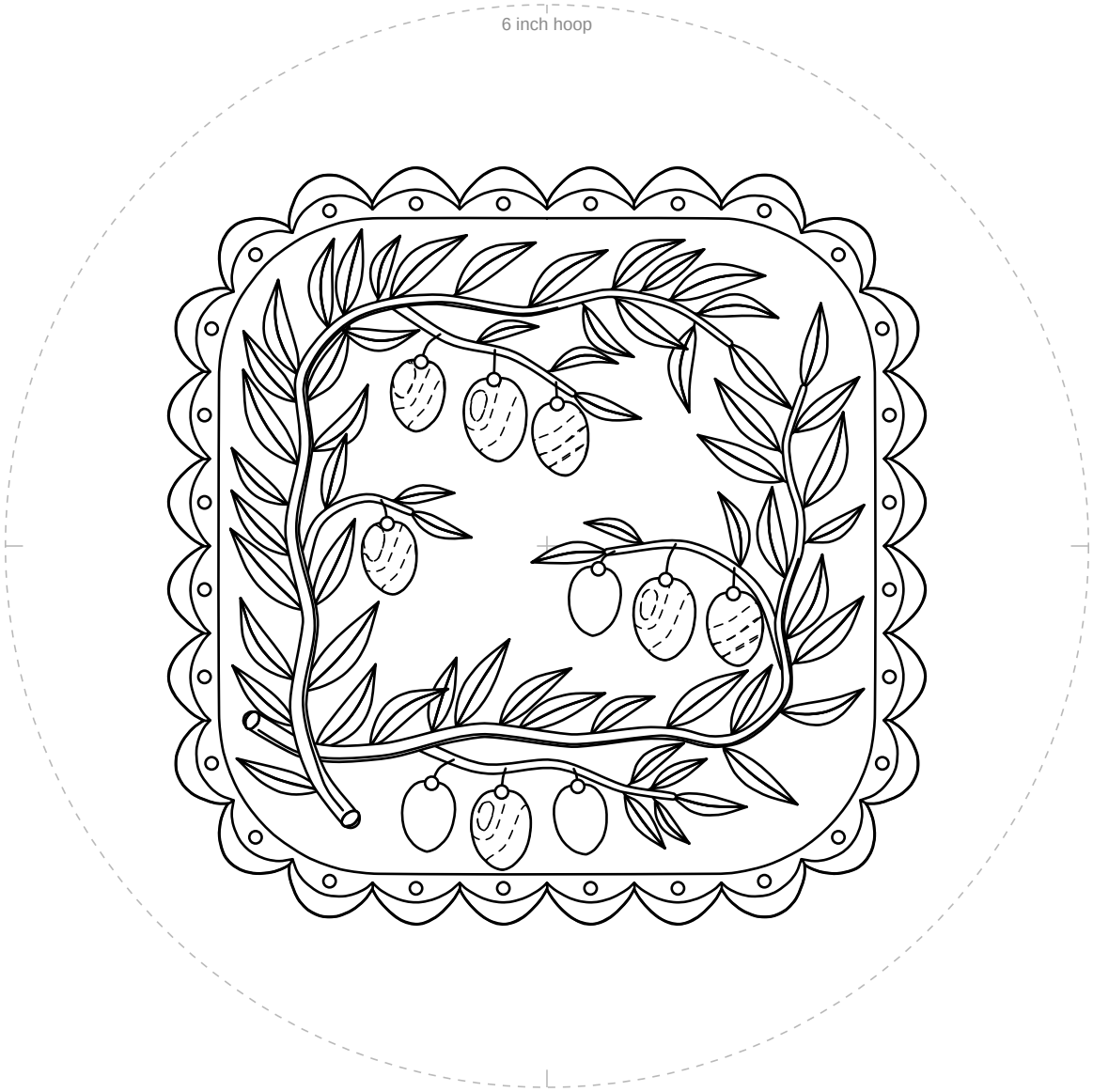
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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