Papa in oak leaves

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.7 in (11.2 × 11.9 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.

21 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
   Leaf bed, stag neck, fawn body, fawn legs, stag ears, stag head, stag muzzle, stag nose (color 17), stag eyes (color 7), antlers, fawn ears, fawn head, fawn muzzle, fawn eye, oak leaves



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Hooves, fawn spots, stag nose (color 17), stag eyes (colors 7 and 11), fawn nose, acorns, acorn cups, letters



3. **Stem stitch**
   colors 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19
   1 strand: leaf veins (colors 2, 4 and 19), lines of the fawn nose
   2 strands: lines of the stag nose, edges of the stag eyes, acorn stalks
   3 strands: oak twigs, edges of the fawn eye

4. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand, color 14
   Edges of the acorn cups



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 2, 4, 14, 19
   Leaf edges, fawn edges, edges of the acorn cups

6. **Straight stitch**
   colors 2, 4, 7, 11, 12, 14, 16, 19
   1 strand: leaf veins (colors 2, 4 and 19), lights, lines of the fawn eye
   2 strands: edges of the stag eyes, edges of the acorns



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 13, 14, 15
   Antler burrs



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 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green	8	DMC 3826 Golden Brown	15	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray
2	DMC 469 Avocado Green	9	DMC 437 Light Tan	16	DMC 3865 Winter White
3	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	10	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	17	DMC 310 Black
4	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	11	DMC 3371 Black Brown	18	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany	12	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	19	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
6	DMC 921 Copper	13	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	20	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
7	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	14	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	21	DMC 3822 Light Straw

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6 inch hoop

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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