Per aspera ad astra thistle bookmark

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 1.4 × 4.7 in (3.6 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where.

Floss

- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Gold edge, star rays, crescent moon and stars
- **DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Leaf veins, leaf ribs and stem, bracts (darker)
- **DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Leaf edges and prickles, bracts (lighter)
- **DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Letters, seed down, silver down and bract spines
- **DMC 3836 Light Grape**
  Heather florets and seeds

Stitches

- **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
  Gold edge
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Stem, leaf ribs
- **Back stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaf edges, letters
- **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
  Leaf veins
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Prickles, silver down, heather florets, bract spines, seeds, seed down, star rays
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Bracts, stars, crescent moon

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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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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