Retired in laurel

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.2 in (11.7 × 10.7 cm).



Which color goes where.

Floss

- **DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green**
  Stems and darker half of each leaf
- **DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green**
  Lighter half of each leaf
- **DMC 152 Medium Light Shell Pink**
  Blossom petals
- **DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Blossom centers
- **DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Ring of knots in each blossom
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Lettering

Stitches

- **Stem stitch**, 2 or 3 strands
  Stems
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Leaves (each half slanted to the center vein, in its own color), blossom petals, lettering
- **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
  Blossom centers, ring of knots in each blossom

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.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.
3. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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1 in
25.4 mm

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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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