Ring bearer in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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.

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.

Buy: 23 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Laurel stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves



3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Ribbon, body, ears, inner ears, head, muzzle, bow tie, hind legs, forelegs, cushion, paws



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon folds, letters, eyes, nose, foot pads, rings



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: ribbon edges
   1 strand: berry stalks

6. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: mouth
   1 strand: bow tie edges, foot pad edges

7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: berry highlights, nose highlight
   3 strands: eye highlights, claws
   2 strands: tassels



8. **Whipped back stitch**
   3 strands
   Cushion cord

9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, bow tie knot



10. **French knot**
    2 strands, two wraps
    Laurel blossoms



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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6 inch hoop

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	9	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	17	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
2	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	10	DMC 825 Dark Blue	18	DMC 3064 Desert Sand
3	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	11	DMC 3822 Light Straw	19	DMC 437 Light Tan
4	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	12	DMC 433 Medium Brown	20	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
5	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	13	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	21	DMC 310 Black
6	DMC 3364 Pine Green	14	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	22	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue
7	DMC 336 Navy Blue	15	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	23	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
8	DMC 803 Ultra Very Dark Baby Blue	16	DMC 436 Tan		

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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 dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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25.4 mm

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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