Roman numeral twelve in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 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: 16 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
   Lines of the stems
2. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Berry stalks
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems, numeral shadow, numeral, tie, ribbon tails, ribbon folds, ribbon, letters
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry highlights
6. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Numeral ridge
7. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: edges of the numeral shadow
   2 strands: numeral edge, ribbon edges
8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the tie, edges of the letters
9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries
10. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
    Letter dots

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 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	**7**	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	**13**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
2	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	**8**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**14**	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
3	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**9**	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve	**15**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	**10**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	**16**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
5	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	**11**	DMC 498 Dark Red		
6	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**12**	DMC 814 Dark Garnet		

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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.



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



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