Roman numerals in raised satin

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.9 in (9.9 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

11 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, color 10
   Laurel stems

2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
   Numerals, diamonds, scroll leaves, scrolls, palmette



3. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 10, 11
   Laurel leaves



4. **Couching**, 6 strands, colors 8, 9
   Rules



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 6
   Gold beads



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 3865 Winter White
- **2** DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
- **3** DMC 841 Light Beige Brown
- **4** DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
- **5** DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
- **6** DMC 3822 Light Straw
- **7** DMC 783 Medium Topaz
- **8** DMC 3820 Dark Straw
- **9** DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
- **10** DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
- **11** DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green

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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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