Butterfly in a laurel wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.8 in (12.4 × 12.2 cm)



A number is a row of the list.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

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 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, 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: 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 sage green cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Floss

DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige
Lace net, laurel stems, berry stalks, wing veins, abdomen bands, neck and eyes, lace lines (darker)

DMC BLANC White
Laurel leaves and lace lines (lighter), scalloped edge, raised petals, raised dots, chain lines, berries, abdomen, thorax, antennae, head, laurel buds, antenna tips and binding

DMC ECRU Ecru
Laurel leaves (darker)

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: laurel stems
   2 strands: berry stalks, lace lines, antennae

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



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Abdomen bands, neck



4. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Wing veins

5. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Lace net



6. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Scalloped edge



7. **Chain stitch**, 1 strand
   Chain lines



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, laurel buds, binding, raised dots, raised petals, antenna tips, abdomen, thorax, head



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Eyes



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

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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.



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6 inch hoop

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



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