Sawtooth star block

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 3.5 in (8.9 × 8.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 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. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Quilting lines

2. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Twigs

3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame, star points, acorn caps, eyes, beak



4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Oak leaves, acorns, breast, small wing feathers, wing feathers, ruff, crown, face edge, face, eye shadow



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf veins (colors 7, 10 and 15)

6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins (colors 7, 10 and 15), eye highlight
   2 strands: edges of the acorns, breast flecks



7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Feather edges, eye rims, beak edges

8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: quilting knots
   1 strand: knots of the acorn caps



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 918 Dark Red Copper	8	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	15	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green
2	DMC 3364 Pine Green	9	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	16	DMC 3865 Winter White
3	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	10	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	17	DMC 437 Light Tan
4	DMC 920 Medium Copper	11	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	18	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
5	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	12	DMC 433 Medium Brown	19	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray
6	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	13	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	20	DMC 317 Pewter Gray
7	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	14	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	21	DMC 3371 Black Brown

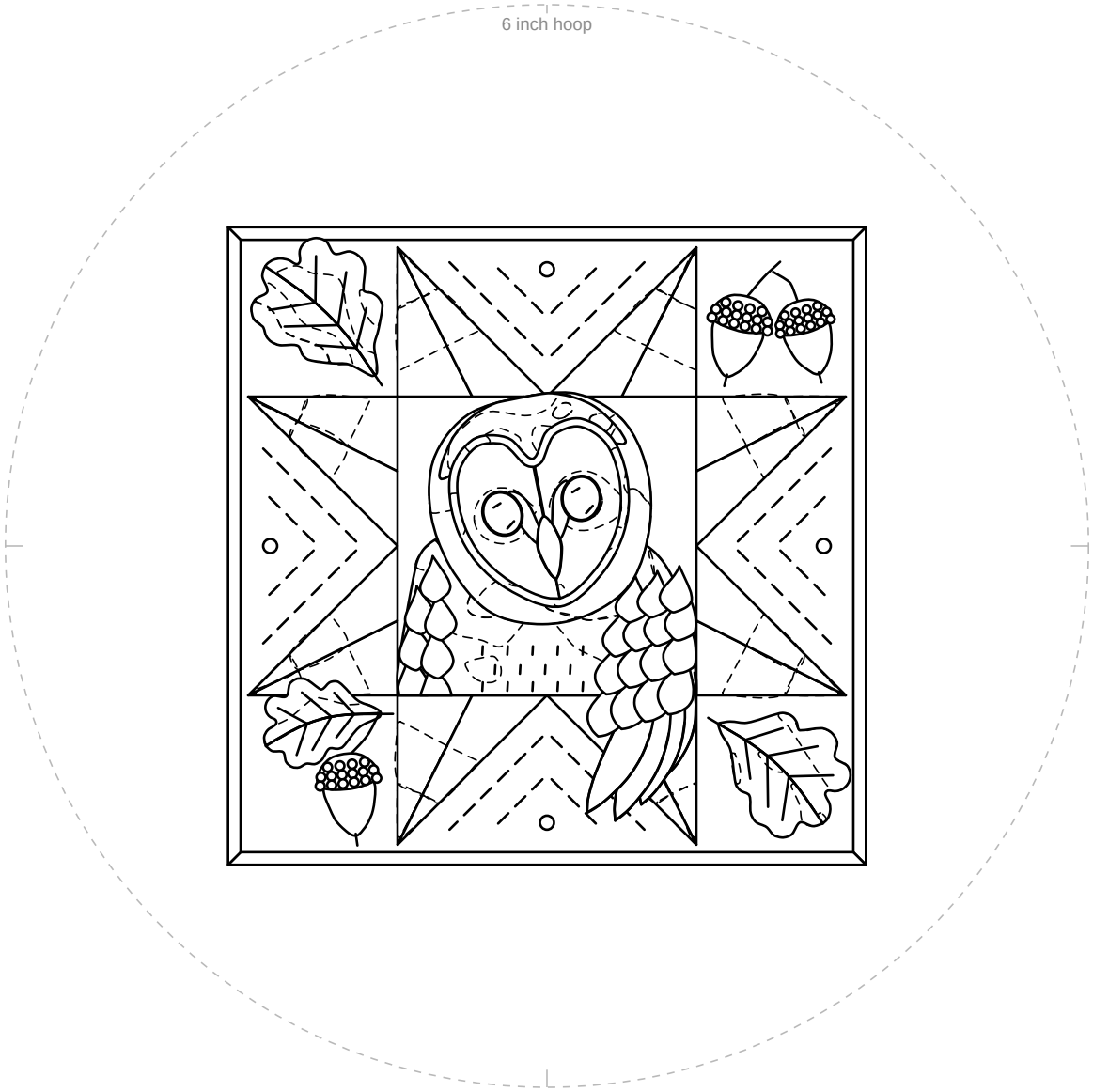
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is running stitch; a finer one 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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