Button in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

17 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**, 2 strands
   Berry stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Button middle



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Button edge, button rim, button holes, needle



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



5. **Stem stitch**
   5 strands: thread
   2 strands: edges of the button holes, button line, button outline

6. **Straight stitch**, 6 strands
   Thread in the button



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 772 Very Light Yellow Green	7	DMC 353 Peach	13	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
2	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	8	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	14	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green
3	DMC 350 Medium Coral	9	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	15	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon	10	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	16	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
5	DMC 351 Coral	11	DMC 502 Blue Green	17	DMC 3865 Winter White
6	DMC 352 Light Coral	12	DMC 503 Medium Blue 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 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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