Sister in laurel

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



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
   Necks, big sister dress, little sister dress, plaits, ears, hair (colors 12 and 15), plait ends



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22
   Collars, hair (colors 11 and 15), bow, bow knot, letters



3. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 18, 19, 23
   Laurel crowns, laurel leaves



4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 6, 8
   Dress edges, collar edges

5. **Stem stitch**, color 18
   2 strands: lines of the laurel crowns
   3 strands: laurel stems (color 18)

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 18
   Laurel stems (color 18)

7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 21
   Berries



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 407 Dark Desert Sand	9	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold	17	DMC 433 Medium Brown
2	DMC 3772 Very Dark Desert Sand	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	18	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
3	DMC 3064 Desert Sand	11	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany	19	DMC 3364 Pine Green
4	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	12	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	20	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
5	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	13	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	21	DMC 321 Red
6	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany	22	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
7	DMC 676 Light Old Gold	15	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	23	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green
8	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold	16	DMC 801 Dark Coffee 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 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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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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