Sister in oak leaves

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.4 in (11.9 × 11.2 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

22 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. **Stem stitch**, 5 strands
   Acorn stalk

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Twigs, oak bough, squirrels, bellies, ears



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cut end, acorn caps, eyes, noses, letters



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bark lines, leaf edges, squirrel shading (colors 12 and 22), eye rings, mouths

5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: leaf veins (colors 6, 9 and 12)
   4 strands: leaf stalks

6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins (colors 6, 9 and 12), squirrel shading (colors 12 and 22), paws
   2 strands: eye highlights



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Oak leaves, acorns



8. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Tails



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the acorn caps, letter knots



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	9	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	17	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	10	DMC 922 Light Copper	18	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
3	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	11	DMC 920 Medium Copper	19	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
4	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	12	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	20	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
5	DMC 469 Avocado Green	13	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	21	DMC 3371 Black Brown
6	DMC 935 Dark Avocado Green	14	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	22	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
7	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	15	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany		
8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	16	DMC 433 Medium Brown		

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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; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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



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