Uncle in laurel

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

23 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 931; one of each other 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, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
   Sky, far hills, near hills, water, child sweater, uncle sweater, skin (colors 10 and 15), boat



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 21
   Lights on the water, reflection, boat inside, boat rim, rods, skin (color 15), child hair, collars, uncle hair, laurel leaves (color 21), laurel boughs, berries



3. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 21, 22, 23
   Laurel leaves (colors 21, 22 and 23)



4. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, color 18
   Sweater cables



5. **Straight stitch**
   colors 1, 15, 16, 20
   1 strand: parting, berry highlights
   3 strands: hair ties
   4 strands: float



6. **Stem stitch**
   colors 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16
   1 strand: rings on the water, berry stalks
   2 strands: sweater folds, boat planks
   3 strands: edges of the collars, rim of the hoop
   4 strands: lines of the laurel boughs

7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 1, 23
   Fishing lines, leaf veins

8. **Padded satin stitch**
   1 strand, color 1
   Lettering



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 13
   Knots of the child hair



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 712 Cream	9	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	17	DMC 919 Red Copper
2	DMC 3824 Light Apricot	10	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	18	DMC 921 Copper
3	DMC 945 Tawny	11	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	19	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
4	DMC 951 Light Tawny	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	20	DMC 321 Red
5	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown	21	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
6	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 437 Light Tan	22	DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green
7	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	15	DMC 433 Medium Brown	23	DMC 367 Dark Pistachio Green
8	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	16	DMC 3822 Light Straw		

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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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