Volleyball in laurel

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

20 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**
   2 strands: leaf stalks
   3 strands: branches

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ball strips



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



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Turned leaf edges, blossom



5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: ball seams
   2 strands: ball edge, berry stalks

6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Blossom stalks, berry highlights



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



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Blossom centers, berry tips



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 3346 Hunter Green	8	DMC 502 Blue Green	15	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 470 Light Avocado Green	9	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	16	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray
3	DMC 469 Avocado Green	10	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	17	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold
4	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	11	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	18	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	12	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	19	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
6	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green	13	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	20	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue
7	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	14	DMC 712 Cream		

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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

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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