Wedding rings in a laurel wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.5 in (11.2 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green 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 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23
   Laurel leaves, gold ring, rose gold ring, rose leaves, rose buds, rose petals



2. **Fishbone stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 6
   Sepals



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 19, 20, 21
   Diamonds, rose cups



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 4, 7
   1 strand: lines of the laurel leaves, lines of the rose leaves
   3 strands: branches
   2 strands: berry stalks, rose stems

5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 8, 12, 13, 18, 23
   Edges of the gold ring, edges of the rose gold ring, diamond settings, petal edges

6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 14, 20
   Diamond facets, stamens



7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 8, 9, 10
   Berries



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 6, 11
   Stamen tips, rose centers



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 520 Dark Fern Green	9	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood	17	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
2	DMC 523 Light Fern Green	10	DMC 951 Light Tawny	18	DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood
3	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green	11	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	19	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
4	DMC 3364 Pine Green	12	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	20	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
5	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	13	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	21	DMC 3865 Winter White
6	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	14	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	22	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
7	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	15	DMC 3822 Light Straw	23	DMC 3779 Very Light Rosewood
8	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta	16	DMC 3078 Very Light Golden Yellow		

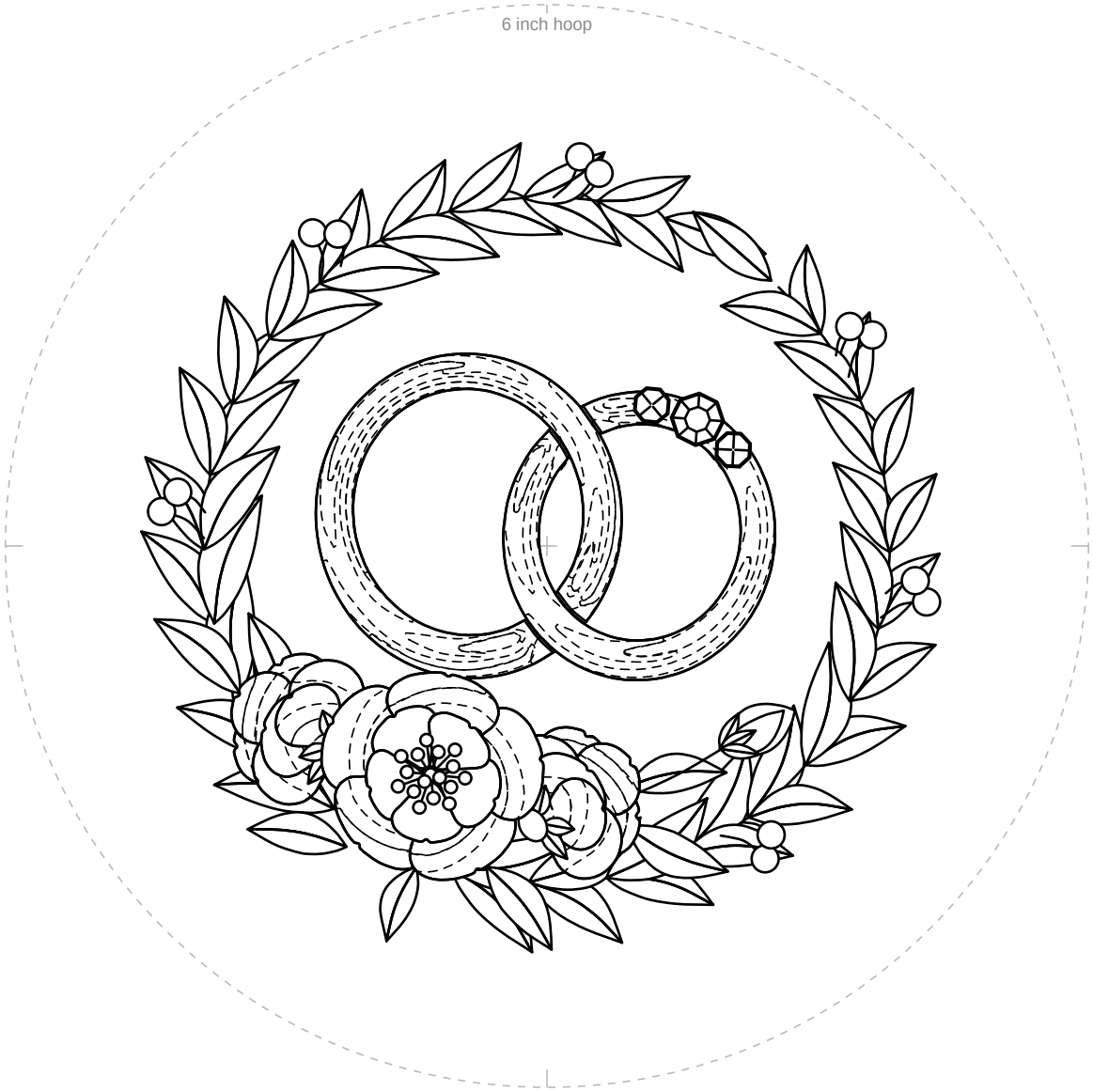
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6 inch hoop

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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