# Wife

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




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

## 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.

## 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.

Buy: 16 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen, a white pencil.

## Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Laurel stems (colors 1 and 5)
2. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Ring claws
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves, rose leaves
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Rosebuds, small rose (colors 9, 10 and 11), large rose (colors 9, 10 and 11)
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Letters, sepals, small rose (colors 6 and 12), large rose (colors 6 and 12), orange blossoms, ring, diamond
6. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: laurel stems (color 1)
   1 strand: diamond facets
7. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the rose leaves
   2 strands: edges of the ring
8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the rosebuds, lines of the small rose, lines of the large rose
9. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Blossom lines, sparkle
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Laurel berries
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Blossom centers

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.




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| 1 | DMC 503 Medium Blue Green | 7 | DMC 3688 Medium Mauve | 13 | DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue |
| 2 | DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green | 8 | DMC 712 Cream | 14 | DMC 3820 Dark Straw |
| 3 | DMC 502 Blue Green | 9 | DMC 3687 Mauve | 15 | DMC 782 Dark Topaz |
| 4 | DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green | 10 | DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet | 16 | DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue |
| 5 | DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green | 11 | DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve | | |
| 6 | DMC 3689 Light Mauve | 12 | DMC 818 Baby Pink | | |



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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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