Wild child in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.6 in (10.9 × 11.7 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Laurel leaves, sprig



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



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, tail tip, body, haunches, paws, forelegs, chest, ears, inner ears, ear tufts, head, cheeks, face marks, muzzle



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eye rims, eyes, pupils, nose, letters



5. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: sprig
   2 or 3 strands: laurel stems

6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: eye highlights
   1 strand: berry highlights, toes, nose highlight, whiskers



7. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Mouth

8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye highlights



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

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 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.

Buy: 23 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 367 Dark Pistachio Green	9	DMC 3835 Medium Grape	17	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green	10	DMC 712 Cream	18	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
3	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	11	DMC 922 Light Copper	19	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green	12	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	20	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown
5	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	13	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	21	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown
6	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	14	DMC 920 Medium Copper	22	DMC 3822 Light Straw
7	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	15	DMC 921 Copper	23	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
8	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	16	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany		

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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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