Work hard in laurel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.8 × 4 in (9.7 × 10.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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: 7 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 white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Laurel stems, lines of the skep coils
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: berries, doorway, skep board, letters, bee wings, bee bodies, bee stripes, bee heads, pollen
   3 strands: skep coils
4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: berry stalks
   1 strand: bee edges (color 4)
5. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
   Skep bands (color 1)
6. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Skep bands (color 3)
7. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: skep edges
   1 strand: bee edges (color 4)
8. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Door rim
9. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Bee edges (color 4)
10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: knots of the skep bands, knots of the pollen
    1 strand: bee eyes

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 936 Very Dark Avocado Green
2 DMC 732 Olive Green
3 DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4 DMC 3371 Black Brown
5 DMC 782 Dark Topaz
6 DMC 3821 Straw
7 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow

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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.



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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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