FREE EMBROIDERY TUTORIAL + PATTERN

Feather Stitch Embroidery

How to do feather stitch, single and double, plus a winter sprigs hoop

SKILL LEVEL	HOOP	DESIGN
Beginner	**5 in (13 cm)**	**3 sprigs + berries**
FLOSS	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
4 DMC colours	**Feather stitch, French knot**	**About 2 hours**

Materials

- DMC stranded cotton: 520, 3052, 498, 3782 (1 skein each)
- 8 × 8 in (20 cm) oatmeal linen, a 5 in (13 cm) hoop, a size 7 embroidery needle, a water-soluble pen

Key

A, B, C left point, right point, catch point on the line **3 strands** separate 3 of the 6
FK French knot

Stitches are 3 mm apart along the line with arms about 3 mm long. Keep them even and the sprig looks natural.

Feather stitch

1	Up at A on one side of the line.
2	Down at B on the other side, up at C on the line, thread under the needle.
3	Repeat on the other side, catching the loop. Alternate.

The hoop

Trace	Print the template at 100%, check the 1 in (2.5 cm) bar, trace the 3 lines and berry dots.	
DMC 520	left and right sprigs	**(24 sts)**
DMC 498	3 French knot berries on each tip	**(9 sts)**
DMC 3052	middle sprig	**(15 sts)**
DMC 3782	3 straight stitches across the stems	**(3 sts)**
Finish	Rinse out the pen, dry face down, press and frame.	

How to Do Feather Stitch

Open V-shaped stitches, alternating left and right of a line · 3 strands

1 · Up at A



Bring the needle up at A, on the left of the line.

2 · Down at B, up at C



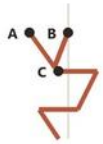
Go down at B, level with A on the right, and come up at C, lower and on the line, with the thread under the needle.

3 · Swap sides



Now make the same stitch to the RIGHT of the line, catching the loop below.

4 · Keep alternating



Left, right, left: the open V's zigzag down the line like a feather.

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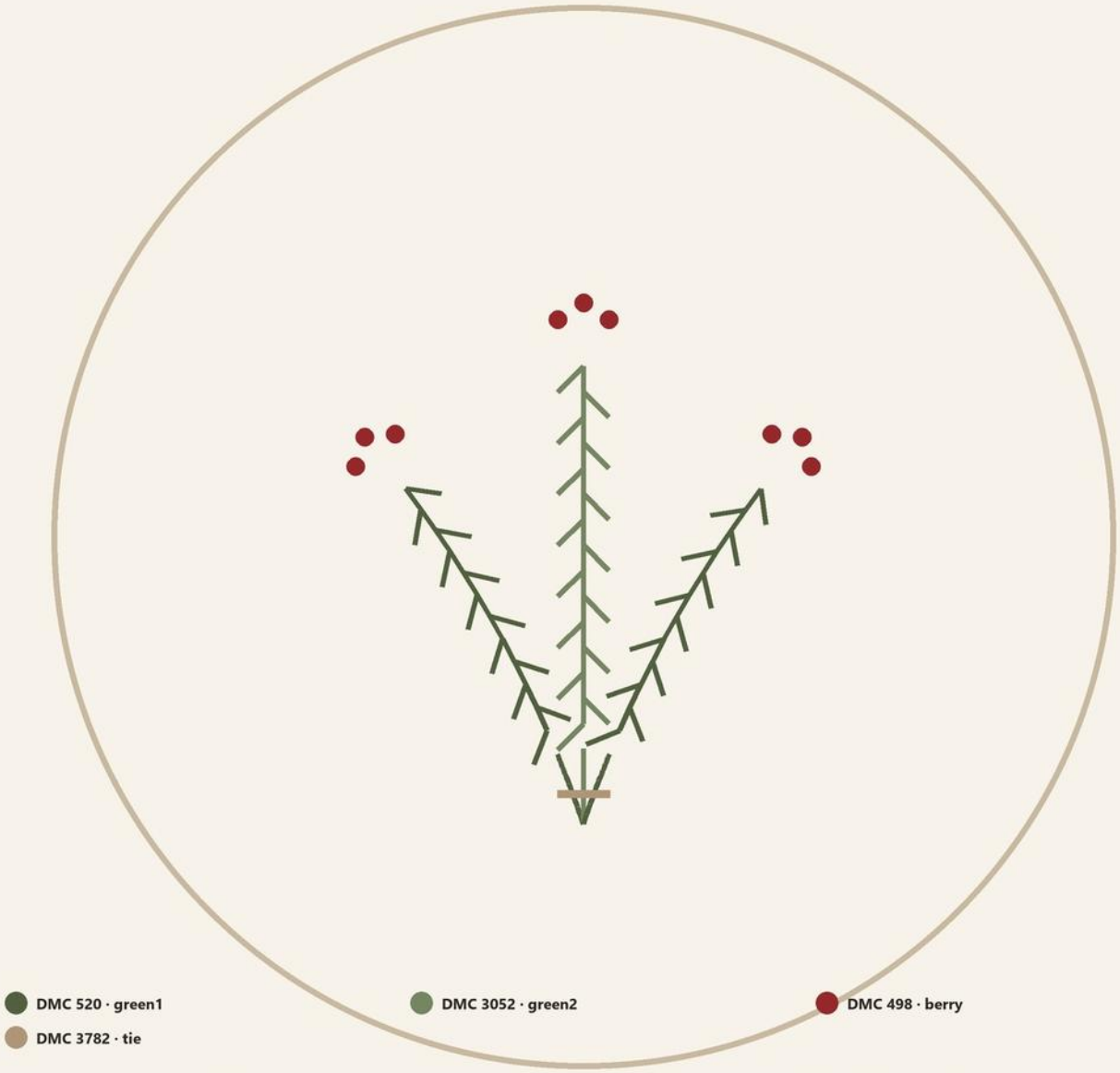
Winter Sprigs · Feather Stitch Plan

5 in hoop · 3 sprigs · 39 feather stitches · 9 French knot berries · enlarged



Stitch each sprig from the base up: a short straight stem, then feather stitch to the tip. Berries last, then the tie.

Winter Sprigs · Floss

3 strands · oatmeal linen 8 × 8 in (20 cm) in a 5 in (13 cm) hoop

DMC	Colour	Part	Stitches	Thread (3 strands)
DMC 520	dark fern green	left + right sprigs	24	1.0 yd
DMC 498	dark red	9 French knot berries	9	0.6 yd
DMC 3052	medium green grey	middle sprig	15	0.7 yd
DMC 3782	light mocha brown	the tie	3	0.4 yd

1 skein of each colour is plenty. Time: about 2 hours.

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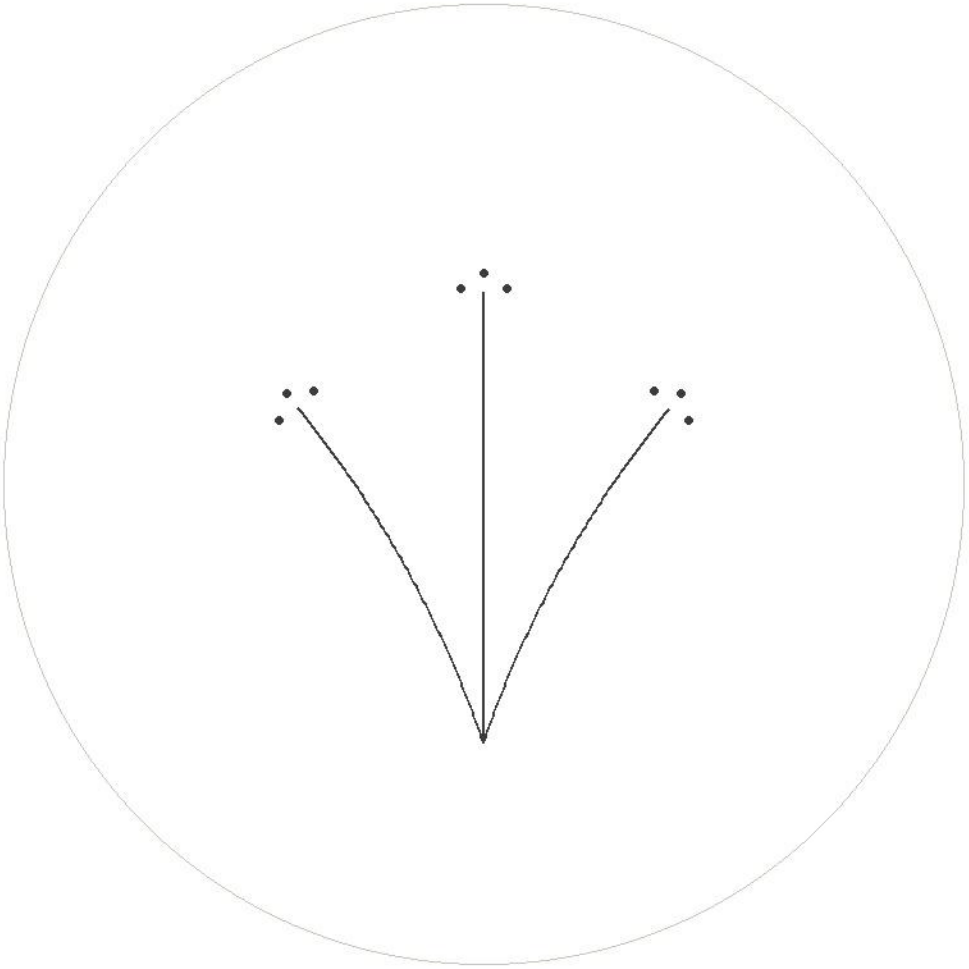
Winter Sprigs · print at 100% (actual size)

Trace the 3 centre lines and a dot for each berry. The feather stitches zigzag either side of each line.



1 in check bar: measure it after printing