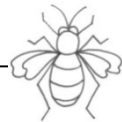


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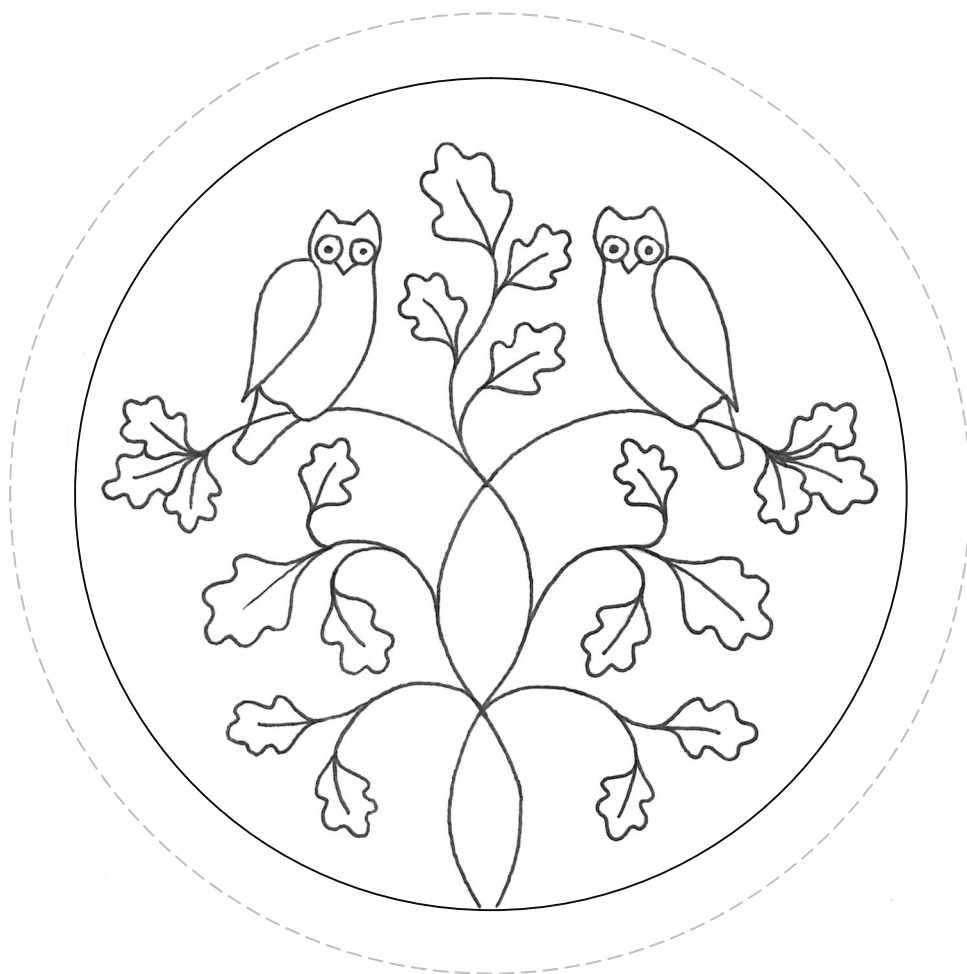
Owls in Oaks



Print off this page and trace the design below onto your fabric with a waterproof or erasable transfer pen. Go over the design with a black pen first if you can't see it clearly through the fabric or you can use the prick and pounce method or carbon transfer paper. Frame the fabric into your embroidery hoop placing a backing fabric behind your embroidery fabric to give you a more stable ground to work on.

Outline design for transfer

Note: The outer circle is just to mark where the edge of a 5" frame comes, you don't need to mark this on.



Inspiration

This design is inspired by the work of May Morris and brings together an owl from a piece designed for a customer by May in about 1896 (panels for Owl three fold screen) and some elements from her Maids of Honour panel designed in 1890. May used a limited selection of stitches in her work believing it was better to do these well than to do many stitches...not so well! I've made some suggestions based on this below, but feel free to interpret the design however you wish!

Check out our other videos on how to frame up your fabric, how to thread your needles and how to start and finish your threads; just search **Sarah Homfray Embroidery** on YouTube to find our channel and click on the red **SUBSCRIBE** button to bookmark our page.

You will need:-

A printer to print off this design!

Suggested stitches:

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| Chain stitch | Long and short | Laid work |
| Satin stitch | Couching | Seeding |
| Stem stitch | Herringbone | French knots |
| Darning stitch | Buttonhole stitch | |

Threads

This design could be worked in many different kind of threads; stranded cotton gives you a wonderful range of colours to choose from and you can choose the number of strands you want to use. Our Lana thread range is a very fine crewel wool that would look lovely for the owls (see our website) or you could enlarge the design and use crewel wools.

Fabric

I suggest something made of natural fibres such as cotton, linen or linen/cotton blend.

Other items you will need:

- Embroidery scissors
- Needles to match the thread you are using
- Embroidery hoop (this design will fit in a 5" hoop)
- Waterproof or erasable design transfer pen
- Versatile table clamp to hold the frame still

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