Advent calendar with 24 small motifs

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy 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: 9 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 navy cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Stocking loop
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mitten, mitten cuff, lantern glass, lantern candle, lantern flame, lantern, tree trunk, tree, tree star, wooden horse, horse saddle, bell clapper, bell, bell band, bell leaves, bell berries, holly leaves, holly berries, snowflake, apple peel, apple flesh, apple pips, apple stalk, apple leaf, moon, moon star, gift box, gift lid, gift ribbon, gift bow, stocking, stocking toe and heel, stocking cuff, cottage chimney, cottage chimney snow, cottage, cottage roof, cottage door, cottage windows, cottage snow, candle leaves, candle, candle flame, candle stripes, candle berries, gnome boots, gnome coat, gnome mittens, gnome beard, gnome hat, gnome hat band, gnome nose, orange peel, orange segments, orange leaves, skate boot, skate cuff, skate sole, skate blade, skate heart, toadstool stalk, toadstool cap, toadstool spots, toadstool grass, toadstool collar, gingerbread house, icing roof, gingerbread door, gingerbread heart, drum, drum head, drum hoops, drumsticks, drumstick heads, bow tails, bow, bow knot, sled posts, sled runner, sled seat, sled parcel, sled parcel ribbon, sled parcel bow, heart, heart stem, heart leaves, heart tulip, heart tulip middle, robin perch, perch leaf, perch berry, robin tail, robin back, robin belly, robin breast, robin wing, robin bill, great star, star heart, border hearts, border leaves, border stars
3. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: mitten star
   4 strands: horse mane, lines of the snowflake
   2 strands: berry highlights, gift pattern, gnome hat pattern, skate laces, sled parcel pattern, robin legs
   1 strand: moon eye (color 8), window bars, robin eye highlight
4. **Split stitch**
   3 strands: lantern ring
   2 strands: moon smile, orange pith
5. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Grid lines
6. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: mitten cuff pattern, lines of the lantern pattern, tree garland, horse saddle pattern, horse bridle, horse harness, horse hooves, bell pattern, bell rim, leaf veins, apple core, moon eye (color 8), stocking pattern, roof pattern, icing lines, drum cords, bow lining, bow tails edge, sled seat line, wing bar
   1 strand: gnome beard locks
   3 strands: numbers
7. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: knots of the lantern pattern, horse eye, gift dots, stocking dots, door knob
   2 strands: tree baubles, snowflake dots, orange stalk, gingerbread sweets, heart dots, robin eye, grid knots

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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.



1	DMC 666 Bright Red	**4**	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	**7**	DMC 3755 Baby Blue
2	DMC BLANC White	**5**	DMC 436 Tan	**8**	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown
3	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**6**	DMC 989 Forest Green	**9**	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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