All fleece and no fuss, sheep in a scarf

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Firs, legs, snow, scarf, ears, inner ears, nose, robin, robin wing, words
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Snow, shadow, face, robin breast
3. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Snow on the firs, scarf fringe, eyelashes, robin legs, robin bill, snowflakes
4. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Snow edges
5. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   Candy cord
6. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Scarf, eyes, mouth, robin wing, words
7. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Snowflakes
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Wool, robin eye, snowflakes

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green** Firs (lighter), scarf (dark)
- **2 DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green**
  Words and firs (darker)
- **3 DMC BLANC White**
  Snow and candy cord (lighter), wool and scarf (lightest), snowflakes and 2 more parts
- **4 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Snow (darker)
- **5 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Snow edges
- **6 DMC 321 Red**
  Words (lighter), candy cord (darker), scarf (light), scarf fringe
- **7 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue** Shadow
- **8 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Face (middle), legs (lighter), ears
- **9 DMC 310 Black**
  Legs (darker), face (dark), robin legs, robin bill and robin eye
- **10 DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige** Wool (darkest)
- **11 DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown** Wool (dark)
- **12 DMC 712 Cream** Wool (light), eyes and eyelashes
- **13 DMC 814 Dark Garnet** Scarf (darkest)
- **14 DMC 224 Very Light Shell Pink**
  Inner ears, nose and mouth
- **15 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray** Face (light)
- **16 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Robin and robin wing (darker)
- **17 DMC 922 Light Copper** Robin breast (lighter)
- **18 DMC 921 Copper** Robin breast (darker)
- **19 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown** Robin wing (lighter)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is whipped back stitch. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Straight stitch. 3 strands: snow on the firs, scarf fringe, snowflakes; 2 strands: robin legs, robin bill; 1 strand: eyelashes.
Split stitch. 3 strands: eyes; 1 or 2 strands: mouth; 1 strand: scarf, robin wing, words.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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