Baby girl in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.8 in (12.4 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of indigo cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

24 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Whipped back stitch**
   3 strands, colors 15, 16
   Cord



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19
   Leaf margins, holly leaves, bough, curled edges, mittens



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 24
   Cut end, cuffs, letters



4. **Split stitch**
   colors 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 18
   1 strand: leaf veins (colors 5, 8 and 9), curl shadows, mitten edges (color 18)
   2 strands: frost on the bough

5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 4, 18
   Leaf veins (colors 1 and 4), mitten edges (color 18)

6. **Chain stitch**, colors 15, 17, 19
   1 strand: mitten knitting
   2 strands: lines of the cuffs



7. **Straight stitch**, colors 14, 20
   2 strands: snowflake
   1 strand: berry highlights



8. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 19, 21, 22, 23
   Berries



9. **Turkey work**
   2 strands, colors 4, 14
   Fluffy trim



10. **French knot**
    1 strand, two wraps, color 11
    Berry tips



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 3047 Light Yellow Beige	9	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	17	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
2	DMC 367 Dark Pistachio Green	10	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	18	DMC 3685 Very Dark Mauve
3	DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green	11	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	19	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose
4	DMC 746 Off White	12	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	20	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
5	DMC 368 Light Pistachio Green	13	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	21	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
6	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	14	DMC 3865 Winter White	22	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose
7	DMC 502 Blue Green	15	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry	23	DMC 3354 Light Dusty Rose
8	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	16	DMC 3713 Very Light Salmon	24	DMC 761 Light Salmon

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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; a dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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