Baby’s first Christmas

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



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

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

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker’s carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen’s packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 13, 14, 15, 16
   Rattle ball



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
   Branches, holly leaves, rattle ring, rattle handle, ribbon, rattle band, bow insides, bow loops, letters, gold star



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 4, 5, 19
   1 strand: leaf veins, pepperberry stems (color 5)
   2 strands: gold lines

4. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand, colors 5, 13, 18
   Pepperberry stems (color 5), berry highlights, ribbon folds



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 11, 14, 18, 21
   Berry edges, silver edges, ribbon edges, star edges

6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18
   Berries, bow knot



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 8, 9, 19
   Pepperberries, gold dots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	8	DMC 3731 Very Dark Dusty Rose	15	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
2	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	9	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	16	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
3	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	10	DMC 304 Medium Red	17	DMC 3689 Light Mauve
4	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	11	DMC 498 Dark Red	18	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
5	DMC 502 Blue Green	12	DMC 666 Bright Red	19	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
6	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green	13	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	20	DMC 3822 Light Straw
7	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	14	DMC 317 Pewter Gray	21	DMC 782 Dark Topaz

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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 broken line 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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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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