Bow-top caravan in the snow

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 11.9 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. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sky, far hills, hedges, snow, window light, wheel tracks, shadow on the snow, wagon side, green canvas, back wall, snow on the roof, smoke, and 8 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Wheel rims, wheel hubs, wagon ledge, wagon trim, canvas rim, window frame, lit window, stovepipe, star, ears
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Snow on the hedges, track edges, canvas hoops
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Bare trees, wheel spokes, wagon trim, winter grasses, edge
5. **Back stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Wagon trim
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Window bars, star rays, horse face lines, hay, winter grasses
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Star, horse eye

Floss

- **1 DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany**
  Sky and window light (lightest)
- **2 DMC 791 Very Dark Cornflower Blue**
  Horse body, tail, horse head and horse legs (middle), sky (darkest), mane (dark)
- **3 DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet**
  Far hills and sky (dark), edge, shadow on the snow (darker) and 6 more parts
- **4 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Sky (middle), window light and white patches (darkest), far hills (light), smoke (dark)
- **5 DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta** Sky (light)
- **6 DMC 793 Medium Cornflower Blue**
  Shadow on the snow and wheel tracks (lighter), far hills (middle), snow (darkest)
- **7 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Hedges and winter grasses (darker), bare trees and ears
- **8 DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Hedges and winter grasses (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet**
  Snow (light), smoke (middle), snow on the hedges and 5 more parts
- **10 DMC 159 Light Gray Blue**
  Snow, window light, leg feathers and white patches (dark)
- **11 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Snow and white patches (lightest), snow on the roof (lighter) and 5 more parts
- **12 DMC 743 Medium Yellow**
  Lit window and star rays, window light (light), hay (lighter), star (darker)
- **13 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Back wall, wheel rims and wheel hubs, wheel spokes (darker)
- **14 DMC 987 Dark Forest Green**
  Wagon side (lighter), green canvas (middle)
- **15 DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green**
  Green canvas (dark), wagon side (darker), canvas hoops
- **16 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Wagon trim, wagon ledge and window frame, wheel spokes (lighter), hay (darker)
- **17 DMC 989 Forest Green** Green canvas (light), canvas rim
- **18 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Horse legs, horse body and tail (dark), stovepipe and window bars and 3 more parts

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 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

Split stitch. 3 strands: snow on the hedges; 2 strands: track edges, canvas hoops.
Stem stitch. 4 strands: edge; 1 to 4 strands: bare trees; 2 or 3 strands: wagon trim; 2 strands: wheel spokes, winter grasses.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: window bars, star rays; 1 strand: horse face lines, hay, winter grasses.
French knot. 2 strands: star; 1 strand: horse eye.

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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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