# Crossed candy canes

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.3 in (11.2 × 10.9 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Fir stems



2. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Fir needles



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   White stripes, red stripes, rose center



4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Berries, rose petals, ribbon tails, bow insides, bow loops, bow knot



5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: cane edges
   2 strands: gold hems



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Stripe lines, berry edges, petal edges, ribbon edges



7. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Stamens



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Berry highlights, stamen knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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.



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| 1 | DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green | 8 | DMC 814 Dark Garnet | 15 | DMC 783 Medium Topaz |
| 2 | DMC 502 Blue Green | 9 | DMC 498 Dark Red | 16 | DMC 3818 Ultra Very Dark Emerald G... |
| 3 | DMC 501 Dark Blue Green | 10 | DMC 321 Red | 17 | DMC 909 Very Dark Emerald Green |
| 4 | DMC 503 Medium Blue Green | 11 | DMC 415 Pearl Gray | 18 | DMC 910 Dark Emerald Green |
| 5 | DMC 3865 Winter White | 12 | DMC 3705 Dark Melon | 19 | DMC 912 Light Emerald Green |
| 6 | DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray | 13 | DMC 3053 Green Gray | 20 | DMC 954 Nile Green |
| 7 | DMC 666 Bright Red | 14 | DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray | 21 | DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green |



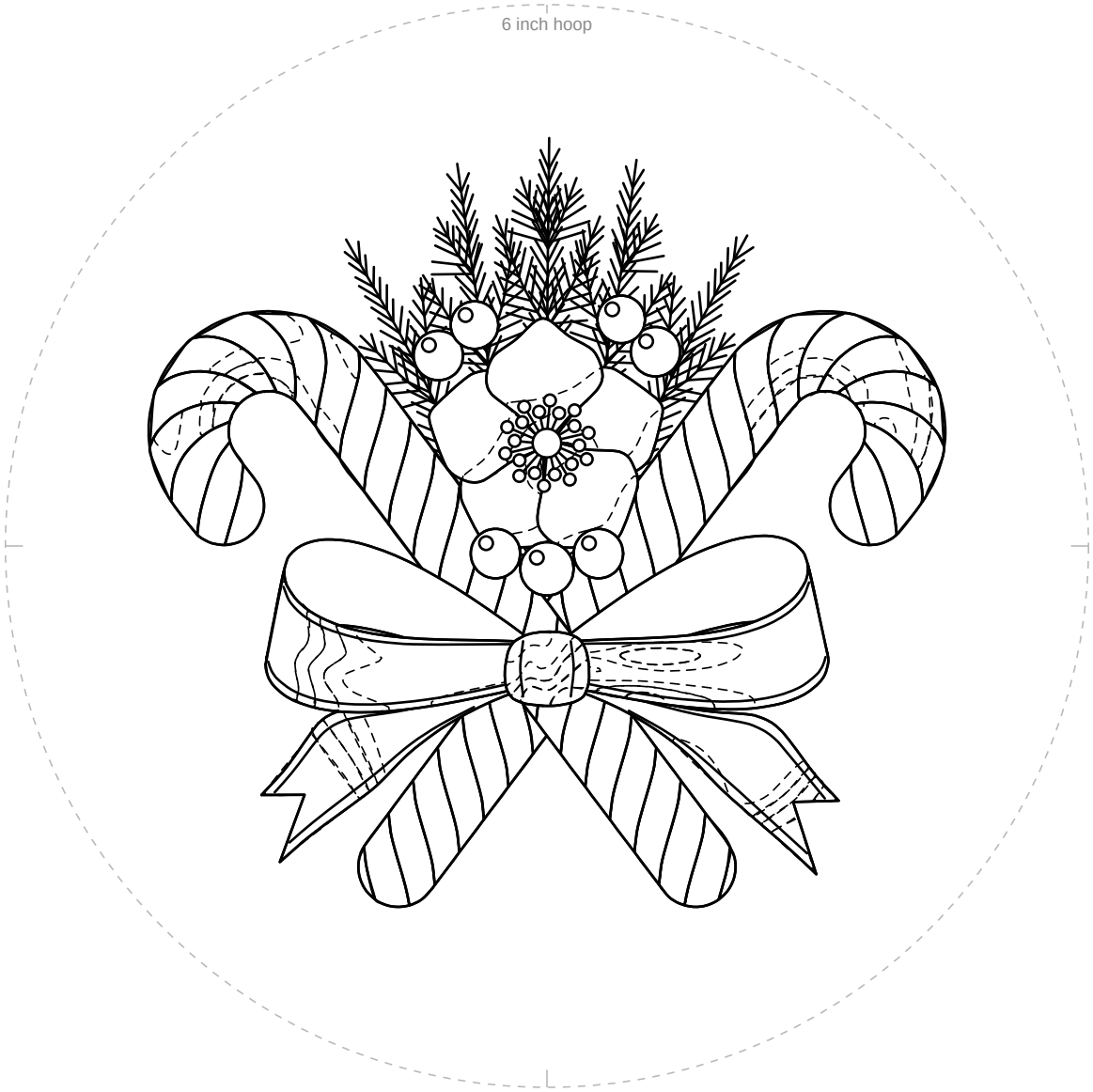
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**6 inch hoop**

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%.

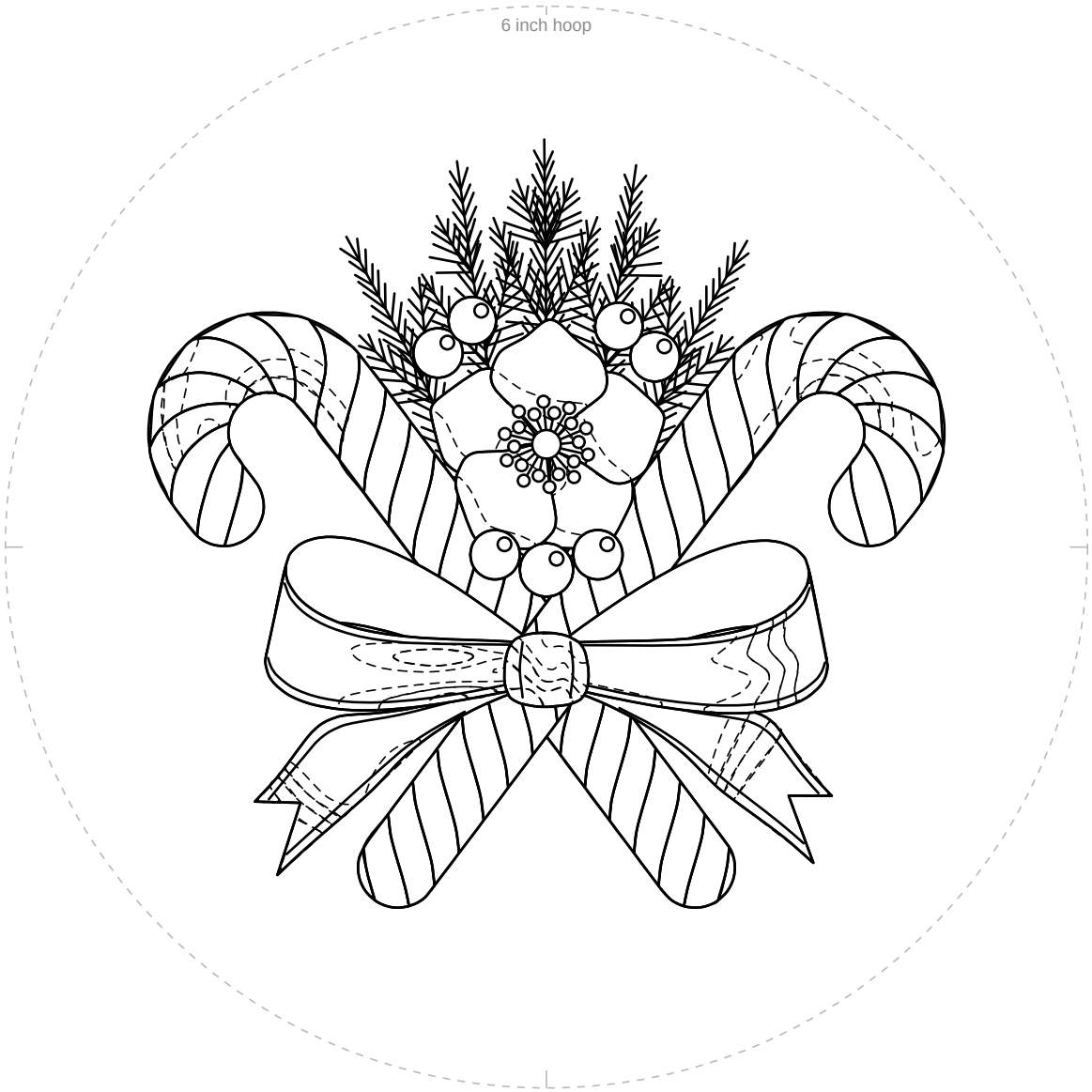


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