Candy stripe bauble

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.5 in (10.7 × 11.4 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Spruce needles (colors 3 and 5)



2. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Spruce needles



3. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Twigs

4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Cherry stripes, white stripes, green stripes, bow tails, bow loops



5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cone stalk, cone scales, cut end, cap, hanging ring, ribbon, bow knot, berries



6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Cone scale edges

7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: ball edge
   1 strand: cap rim, bow folds

8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bow edges

9. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Berry highlight



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 433 Medium Brown	9	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	17	DMC 701 Light Green
2	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	10	DMC 321 Red	18	DMC 703 Chartreuse
3	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	11	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	19	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
4	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	12	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	20	DMC 760 Salmon
5	DMC 502 Blue Green	13	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	21	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
6	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown	14	DMC 498 Dark Red	22	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
7	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	15	DMC BLANC White	23	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	16	DMC 699 Green		

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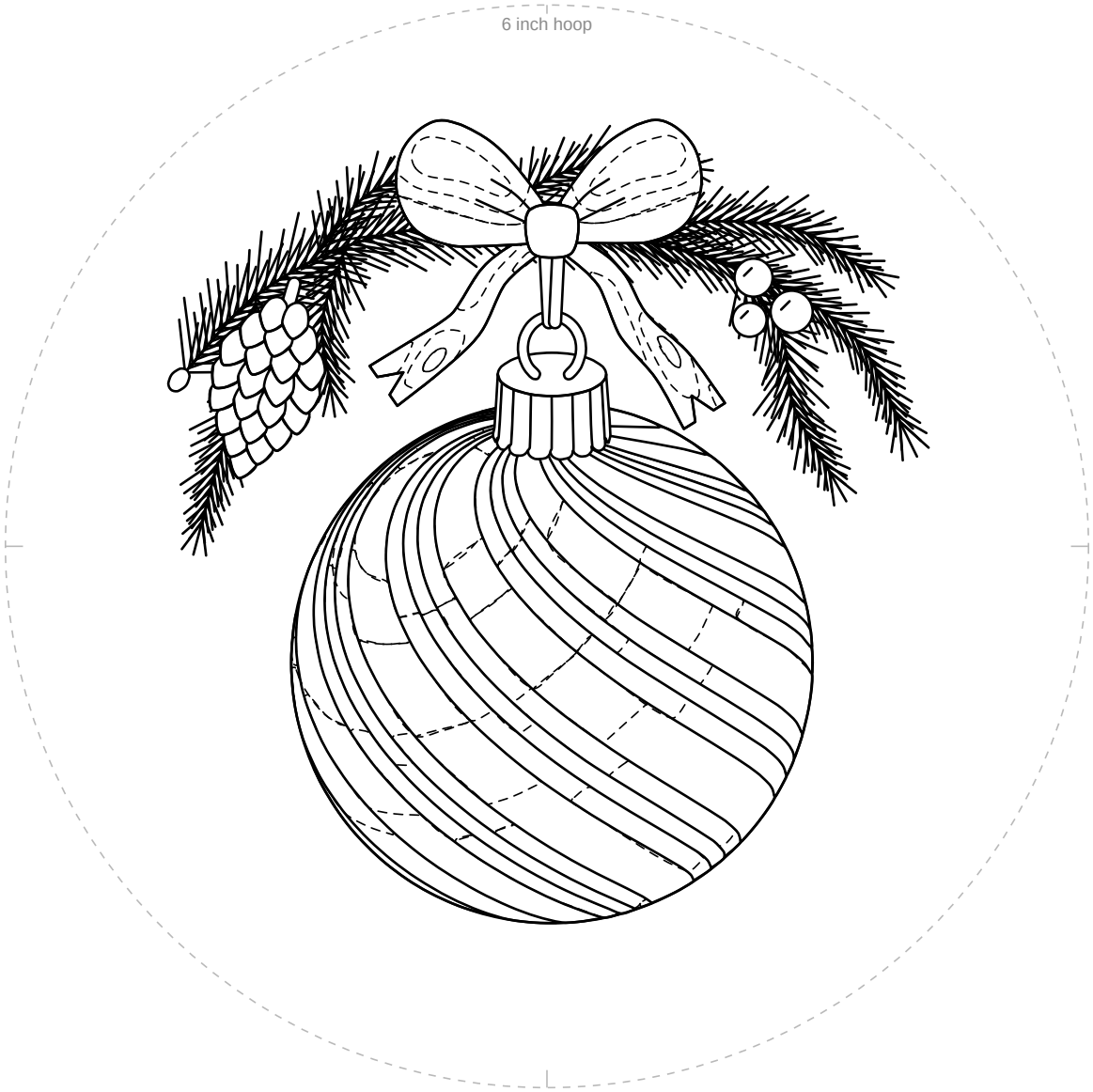
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a 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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