Cheers in holly

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.

19 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. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the glass

2. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the glass

3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Wine, wine top, holly leaves



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Handle, glass foot, glass base, glass highlights, glass, orange rind, orange pith, orange segments, cinnamon, star anise, sparks, letters



5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: edges of the star anise
   2 strands: lights



6. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the cinnamon, lines of the holly leaves

7. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: steam
   1 strand: edges of the holly leaves, edges of the berries

8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



9. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the star anise



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 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	8	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	15	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green
2	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	9	DMC 746 Off White	16	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green
3	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	10	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	17	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
4	DMC 498 Dark Red	11	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	18	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
5	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	12	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	19	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
6	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	13	DMC 433 Medium Brown		
7	DMC 321 Red	14	DMC 3820 Dark Straw		

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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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