Chinoiserie Christmas ornament with bow

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.5 in (10.9 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: sage green cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines, loops and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bow tails, gold loop, collar lappets, collar band, foot petals, foot band, bud cups, bird bill, inside of bow
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bow tails, gold cap, bow loops, bow knot
3. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   White glaze, peony petals, peony buds, bird, slipped petal
4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Painted leaves
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Glaze edge, collar lines, foot lines, pencil lines
6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Branch, bow folds
7. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Bird feet
8. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Cap lines
9. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Collar drops
10. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
    Collar knots, peony heart, bird eye

Floss

- **1 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Bow loops, bow tails and bow knot (darkest), inside of bow (darker), bow folds
- **2 DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon**
  Bow tails, bow loops and bow knot (lightest)
- **3 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Bow loops, bow tails and bow knot (dark), inside of bow (lighter)
- **4 DMC 321 Red** Bow tails, bow loops and bow knot (light)
- **5 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Gold cap and gold loop (darker), cap lines and bird bill
- **6 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Gold cap and gold loop (lighter), peony heart
- **7 DMC BLANC White**
  White glaze and bird (lightest), collar drops and collar knots
- **8 DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue**
  Peony petals and bird (light), white glaze (darkest), glaze edge and 2 more parts
- **9 DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue** White glaze (dark)
- **10 DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue**
  White glaze (light), peony petals (lightest)
- **11 DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue**
  Peony petals (dark), collar lappets and foot petals, bird (middle) and 3 more parts
- **12 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Pencil lines, foot lines and branch, collar lines (darker) and 6 more parts
- **13 DMC 797 Royal Blue**
  Peony petals (darkest), collar band, painted leaves (middle) and 5 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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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. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. 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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4	DMC 321 Red	**9**	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue		
5	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**10**	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue		

How many strands

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: white glaze; 1 strand: peony petals, peony buds, bird, slipped petal.

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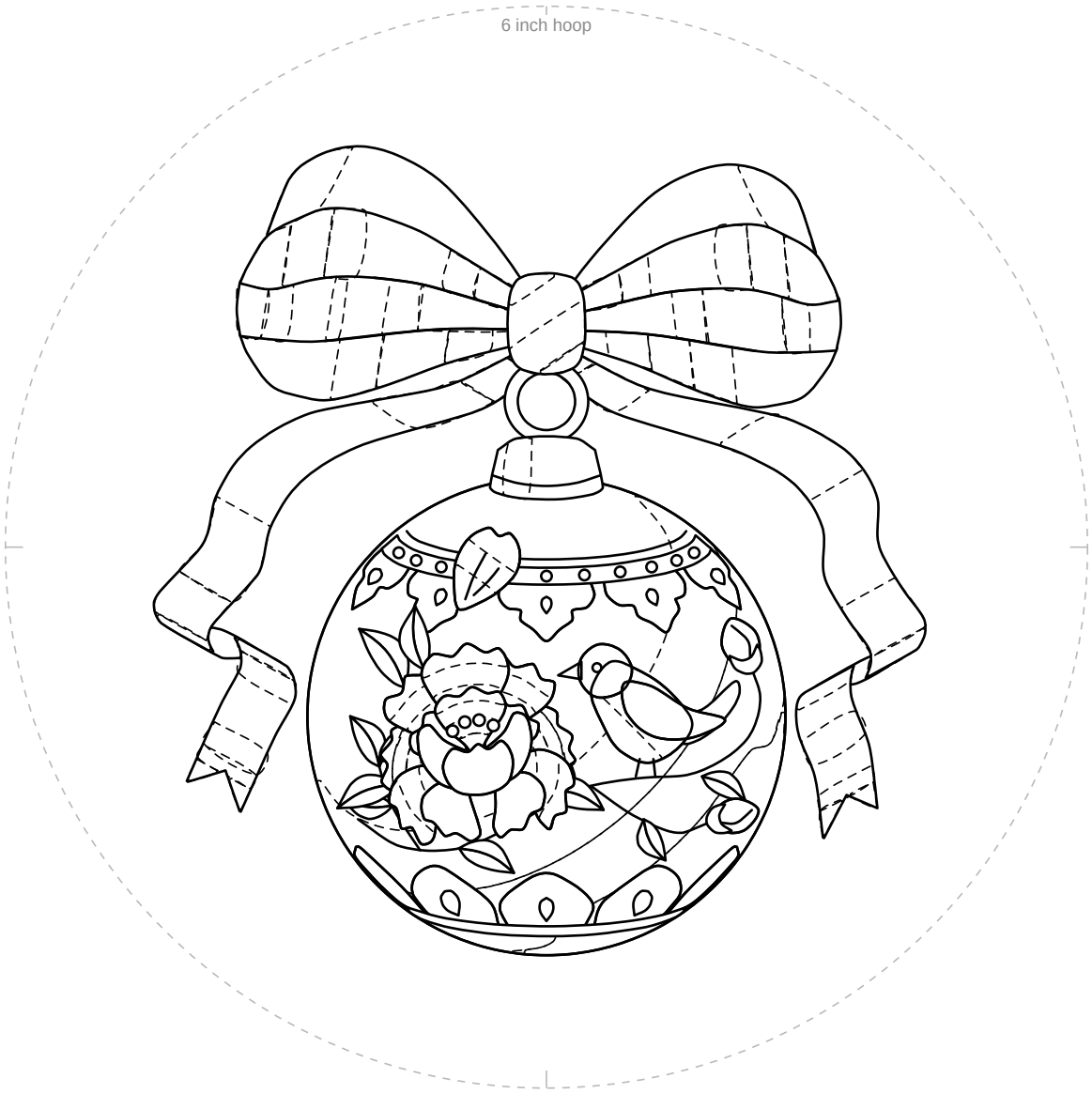
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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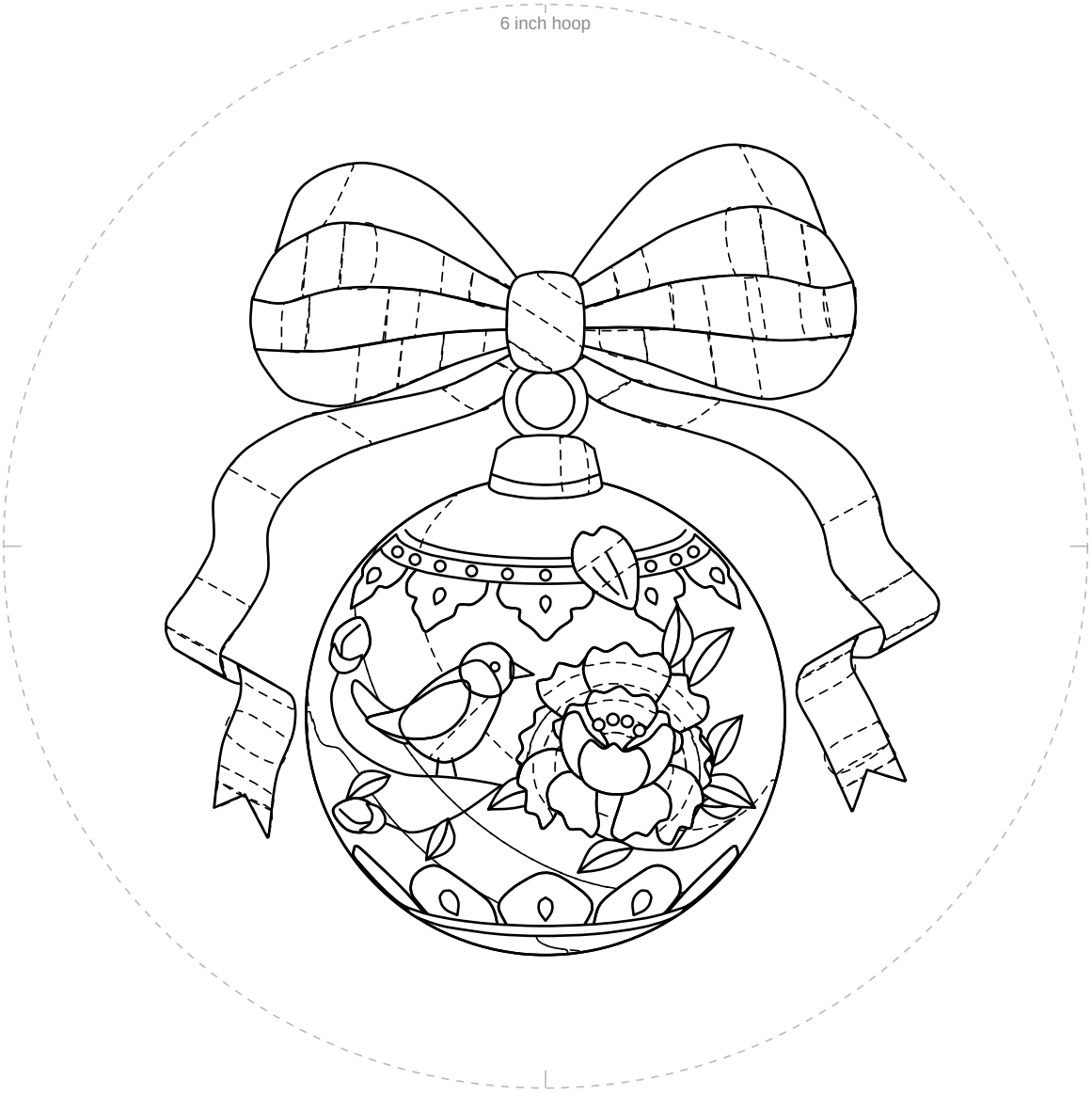
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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