Christmas bulbs card, a string of lights

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 4.2 in (8.9 × 10.7 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Cord
2. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the plug
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bulbs
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Plug, sockets, star
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bulb edges
6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Glints, star rays, snowflakes
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame (color 10)
8. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame (color 12)

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

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.

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.

Buy: 19 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 702 Kelly Green	8	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	15	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue
2	DMC 700 Bright Green	9	DMC B5200 Snow White	16	DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse
3	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	10	DMC 972 Deep Canary	17	DMC 3806 Light Cyclamen Pink
4	DMC 3818 Ultra Very Dark Emerald G...	11	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	18	DMC 3804 Dark Cyclamen Pink
5	DMC 3850 Dark Bright Green	12	DMC 727 Very Light Topaz	19	DMC 605 Very Light Cranberry
6	DMC 321 Red	13	DMC 996 Medium Electric Blue		
7	DMC 498 Dark Red	14	DMC 995 Dark Electric Blue		

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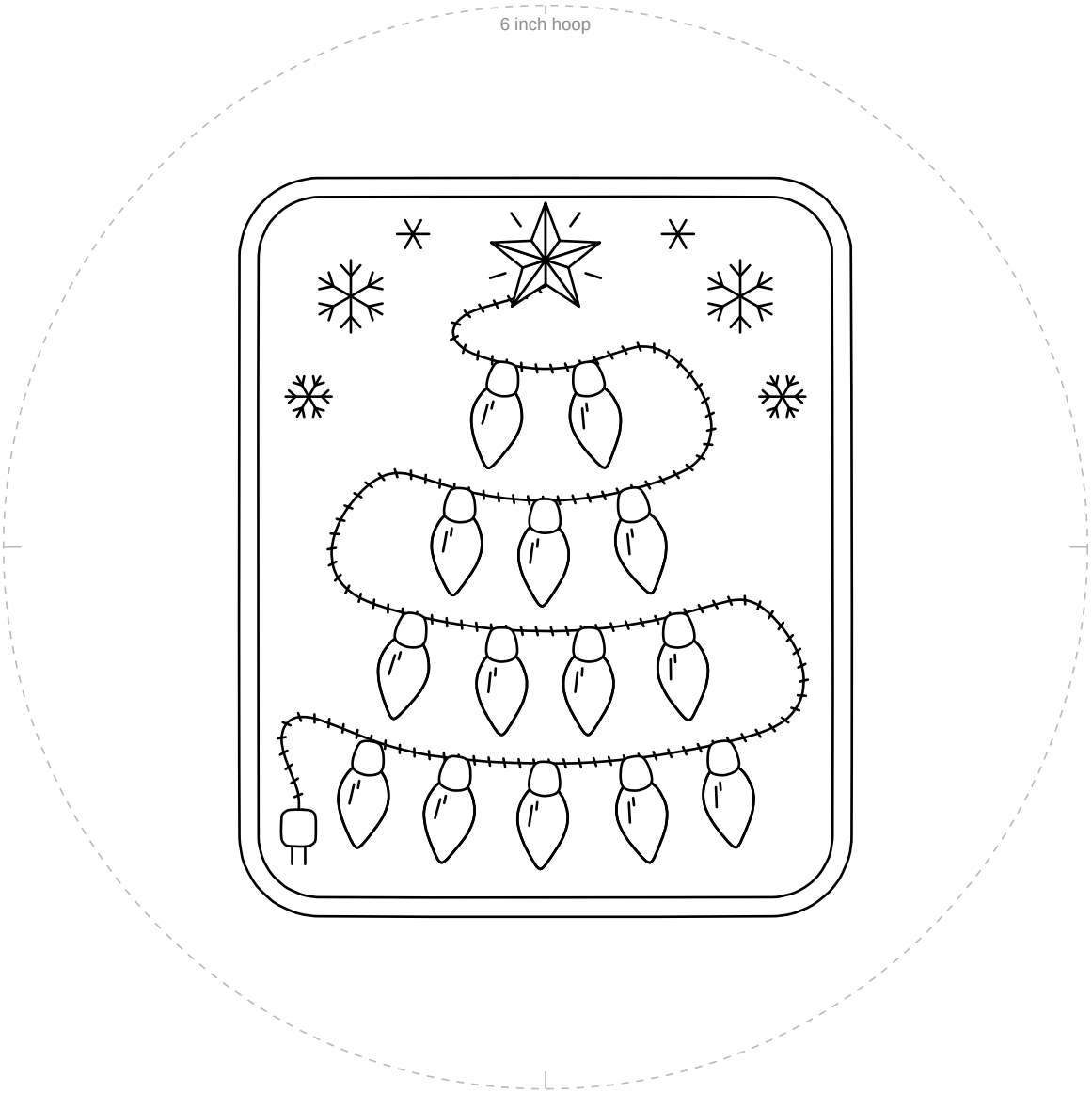
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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