Christmas carousel horse with holly

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.7 in (11.2 × 11.9 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.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pole, pole finial, cones, holly leaves, hooves, eye, nostril, straps
2. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pole finial, berries, medallions, scalloped edge
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, mane, far legs, coat, dapples, ears, blanket, saddle, forelock
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pine stems, holly leaves, scalloped edge, saddle, stirrup, straps
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pine needles, berries, eye
6. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Cones
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Coat, eye, mouth

Floss

- **1 DMC 712 Cream** Pole, scalloped edge and berries (lighter)
- **2 DMC 321 Red** Berries and pole (darker), blanket (light)
- **3 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Saddle (light), scalloped edge (darker), medallions, pole finial and stirrup (lighter)
- **4 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Hooves (lighter), pole finial and stirrup (darker)
- **5 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Pine needles (dark), pine stems
- **6 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Pine needles (middle)
- **7 DMC 502 Blue Green** Pine needles (light)
- **8 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown** Cones (dark)
- **9 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Cones (middle)
- **10 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Cones (light)
- **11 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Holly leaves (dark), saddle (middle)
- **12 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green**
  Holly leaves (darkest), saddle (dark)
- **13 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green** Holly leaves (lightest)
- **14 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray** Tail, mane and eye (dark)
- **15 DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray**
  Mane, tail and eye (middle), forelock (darker), mouth and nostril
- **16 DMC 317 Pewter Gray**
  Tail and mane (light), coat and ears (darkest), far legs (dark), forelock (lighter)
- **17 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray**
  Coat and ears (dark), far legs (middle)
- **18 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Coat (middle), dapples (darker), far legs and ears (light)
- **19 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz** Hooves (darker)
- **20 DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Coat (light), ears (lightest), dapples (lighter)
- **21 DMC BLANC White** Coat (lightest), eye (light)
- **22 DMC 498 Dark Red** Blanket (middle), straps
- **23 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Blanket (dark)
- **24 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green** Holly leaves (light)

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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6 inch hoop

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.

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: stirrup; 3 strands: scalloped edge, straps; 2 strands: pine stems, saddle; 1 strand: holly leaves.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: pine needles; 2 strands: eye; 1 strand: berries.

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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

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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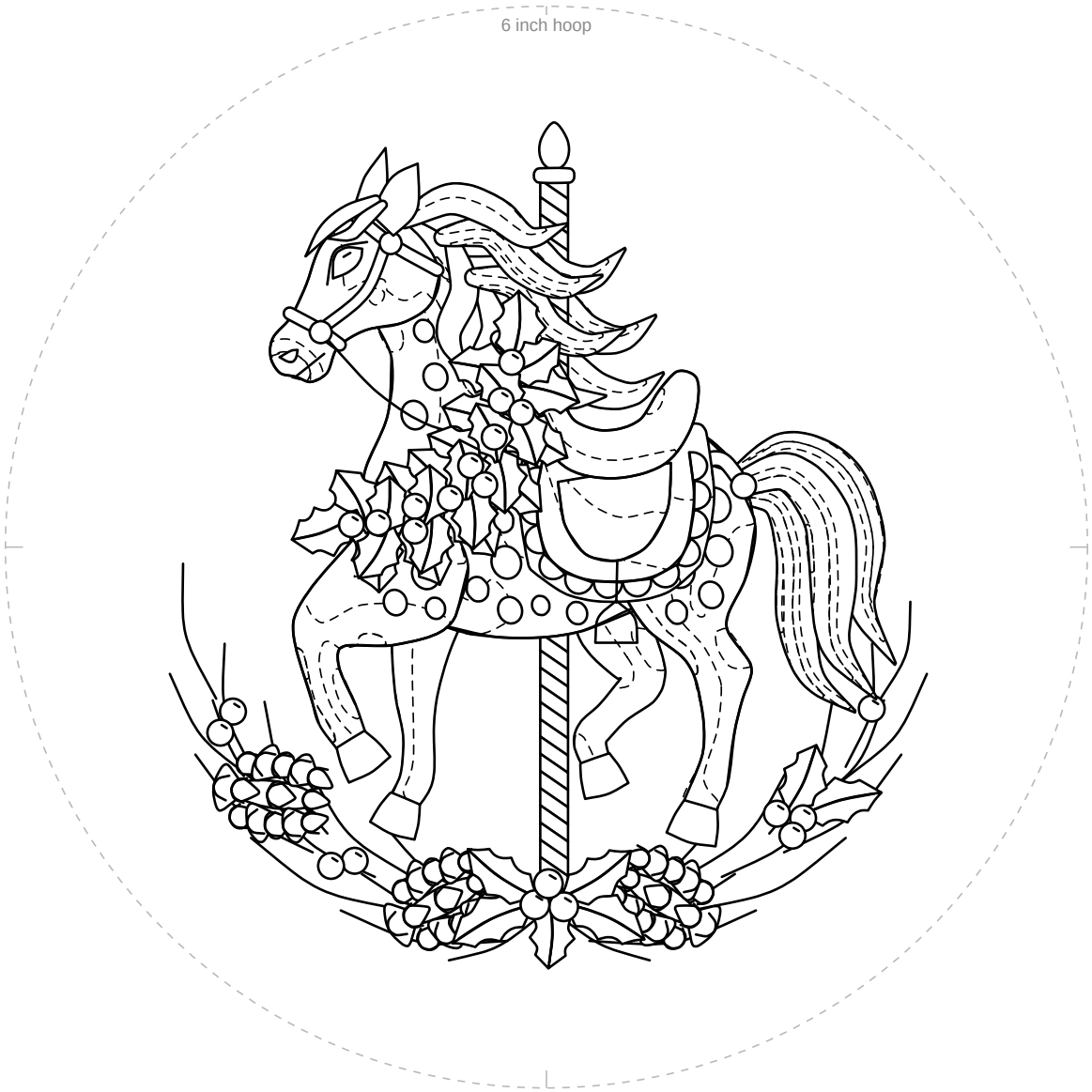
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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