Christmas dog bone with holly

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.6 in (11.9 × 11.7 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Holly leaves, bone, bow loops
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bow tails, bow loop insides, bow knot
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Fir stems, holly stems, holly midribs
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Fir needles, berry lights
6. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Holly edges, bone edge, bow edge, bow folds
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Berry eyes

Floss

- **1 DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige**
  Fir stems and holly stems, bone (darkest)
- **2 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Fir needles (dark)
- **3 DMC 502 Blue Green** Fir needles (middle)
- **4 DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green**
  Fir needles (light)
- **5 DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green**
  Holly leaves (darkest)
- **6 DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green**
  Holly leaves (dark)
- **7 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green**
  Holly leaves (light)
- **8 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green**
  Holly edges and holly midribs
- **9 DMC 989 Forest Green** Holly leaves (lightest)
- **10 DMC 3865 Winter White** Bone (light), berry lights
- **11 DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige** Bone (dark)
- **12 DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Bone (middle dark), bone edge
- **13 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Bone (middle light)
- **14 DMC 712 Cream** Bone (lightest)
- **15 DMC 666 Bright Red**
  Bow tails, bow loops, berries and bow knot (light)
- **16 DMC 814 Dark Garnet**
  Berries and bow tails (darkest), bow loop insides and bow folds and 3 more parts
- **17 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Bow tails, bow loops, berries and bow knot (dark)
- **18 DMC 321 Red**
  Bow loops, bow tails, bow knot and berries (middle)
- **19 DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon**
  Bow tails, bow loops, berries and bow knot (lightest)
- **20 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Bow edge

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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

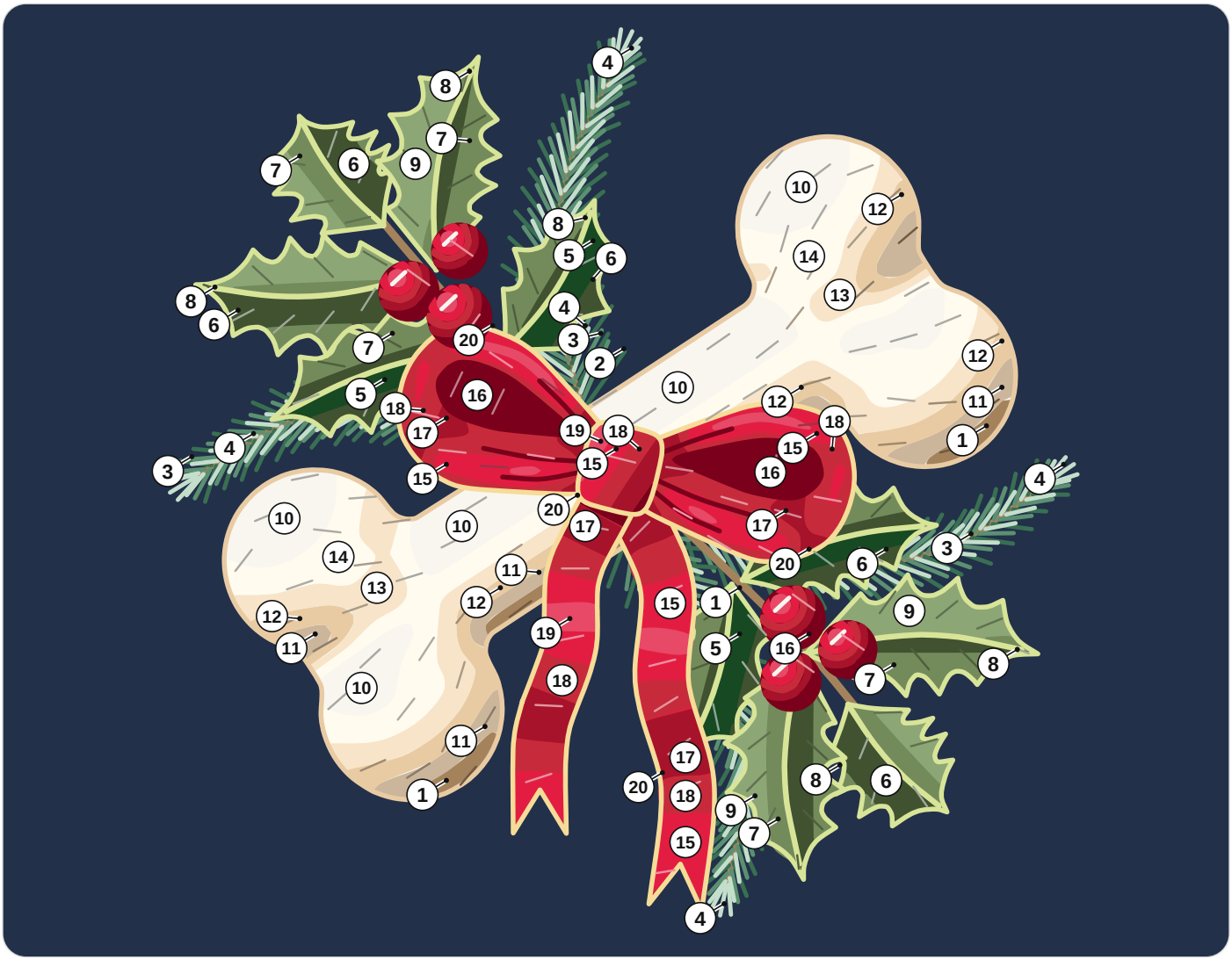
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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.

Each small ring is one French knot. 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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7	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	**14**	DMC 712 Cream		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: holly stems; 2 strands: fir stems, holly midribs.
Split stitch. 2 strands: bone edge, bow edge; 1 strand: holly edges, bow folds.

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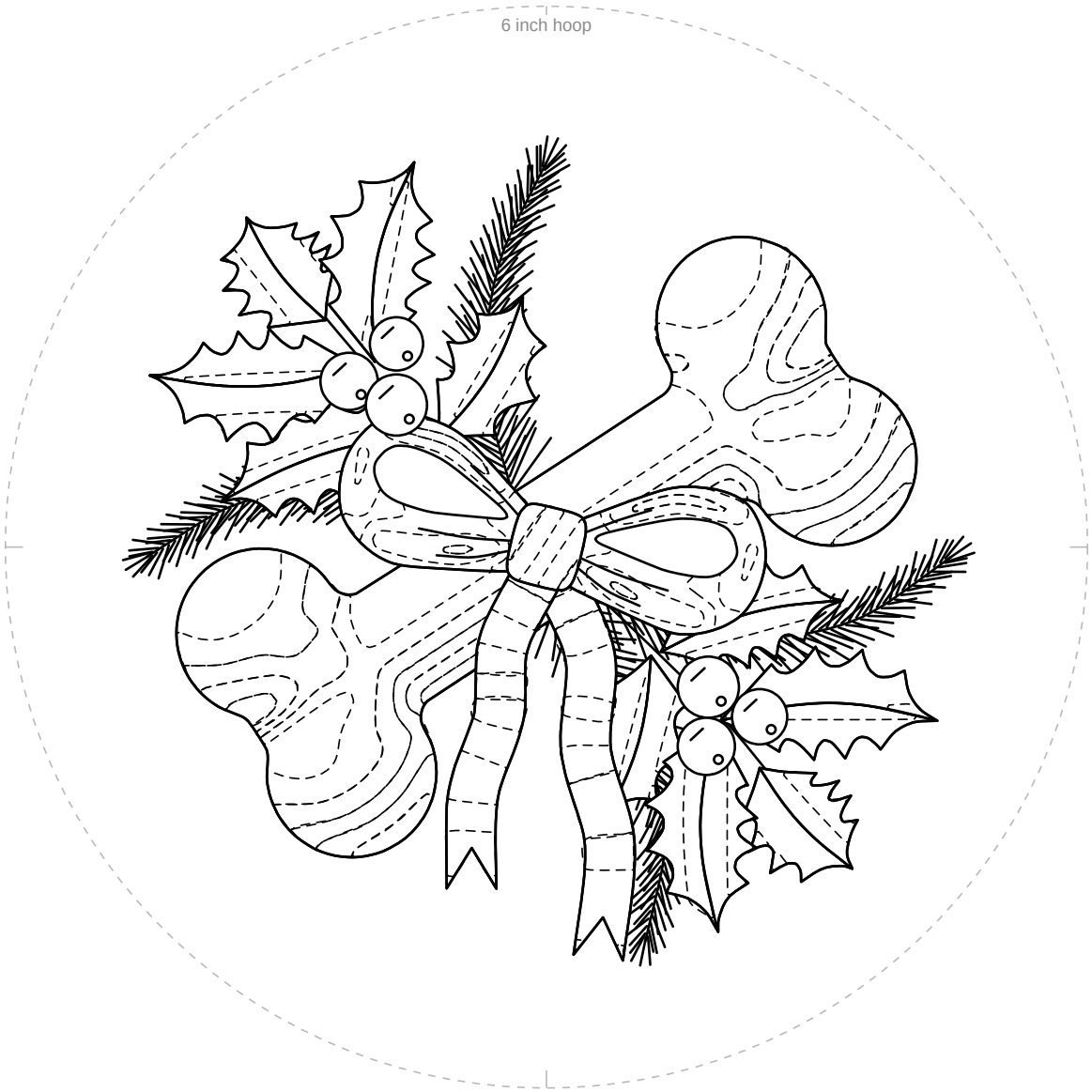
Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



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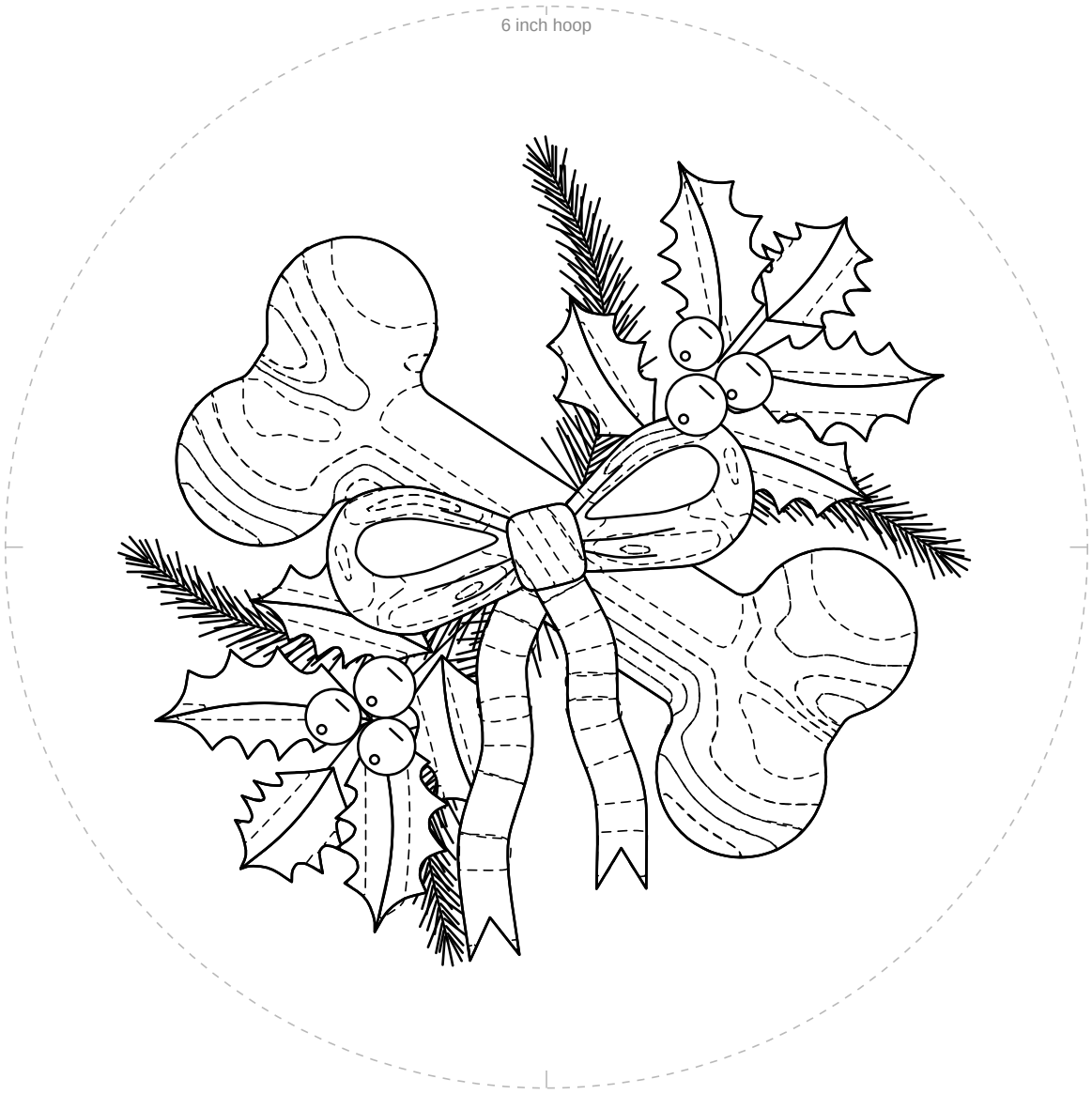
Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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