Christmas horse in the snow

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 4.5 in (11.9 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: dark green 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
   Snow, far legs, leg feather, tail, body, near hind leg, raised foreleg, and 9 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Hooves, blanket star, ears, eye, garland, ear lining, bow, bow folds, and 4 more
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snowflakes
4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Muscle lines, cheek line, eyelid, bark lines, wing lines, holly veins
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Blanket edge
6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Blanket binding, nostril
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Mouth
8. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Eye light, garland, robin legs, robin eye light, snowflake branches
9. **Whipped back stitch**, 2 strands
   Ring
10. **French knot**
    strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Berries, robin eye, snowflake hearts, snowflake tips, falling snow

Floss

- **1 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Snow (middle), ring, leg feather (light) and 3 more parts
- **2 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue** Leg feather and snow (dark)
- **3 DMC 3865 Winter White** Snow and blanket (light) and 9 more parts
- **4 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Far legs (middle), body (dark) and 5 more parts
- **5 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Body (darkest), far legs (dark) and 8 more parts
- **6 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Body and near hind leg (middle dark) and 4 more parts
- **7 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue** Leg feather (darkest)
- **8 DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan** Mane and tail (light), blanket (middle)
- **9 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Tail and mane (dark)
- **10 DMC 437 Light Tan** Mane and tail (middle)
- **11 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany**
  Body and raised foreleg (light) and 3 more parts
- **12 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany**
  Near hind leg and body (middle light) and 2 more parts
- **13 DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany**
  Body and near hind leg (lightest) and 3 more parts
- **14 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Stump (middle), hooves (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **15 DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Stump (light), muzzle (lighter), wing lines, blanket (dark)
- **16 DMC 321 Red** Blanket binding and blanket edge and 3 more parts
- **17 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Garland (dark), holly leaves and blanket star (darker)
- **18 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Garland (light), holly veins, berries (lighter)
- **19 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Bark lines, robin legs, eye and mouth and 3 more parts
- **20 DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green**
  Garland (middle), holly leaves (lighter)
- **21 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Bow (darker), bow folds
- **22 DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice** Robin breast (darker)

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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How many strands

Straight stitch. 2 strands: eye light, garland, robin legs, snowflake branches; 1 strand: robin eye light.
French knot. 2 strands: berries, snowflake hearts, falling snow; 1 strand: robin eye, snowflake tips.

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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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