Christmas lights ring

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.7 in (12.2 × 11.9 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

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.

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.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Wires

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Bulbs



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sockets, stars, bow



Stitch in this order, continued

4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: socket bands
   1 strand: rays



5. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Bow folds

6. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bow



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

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



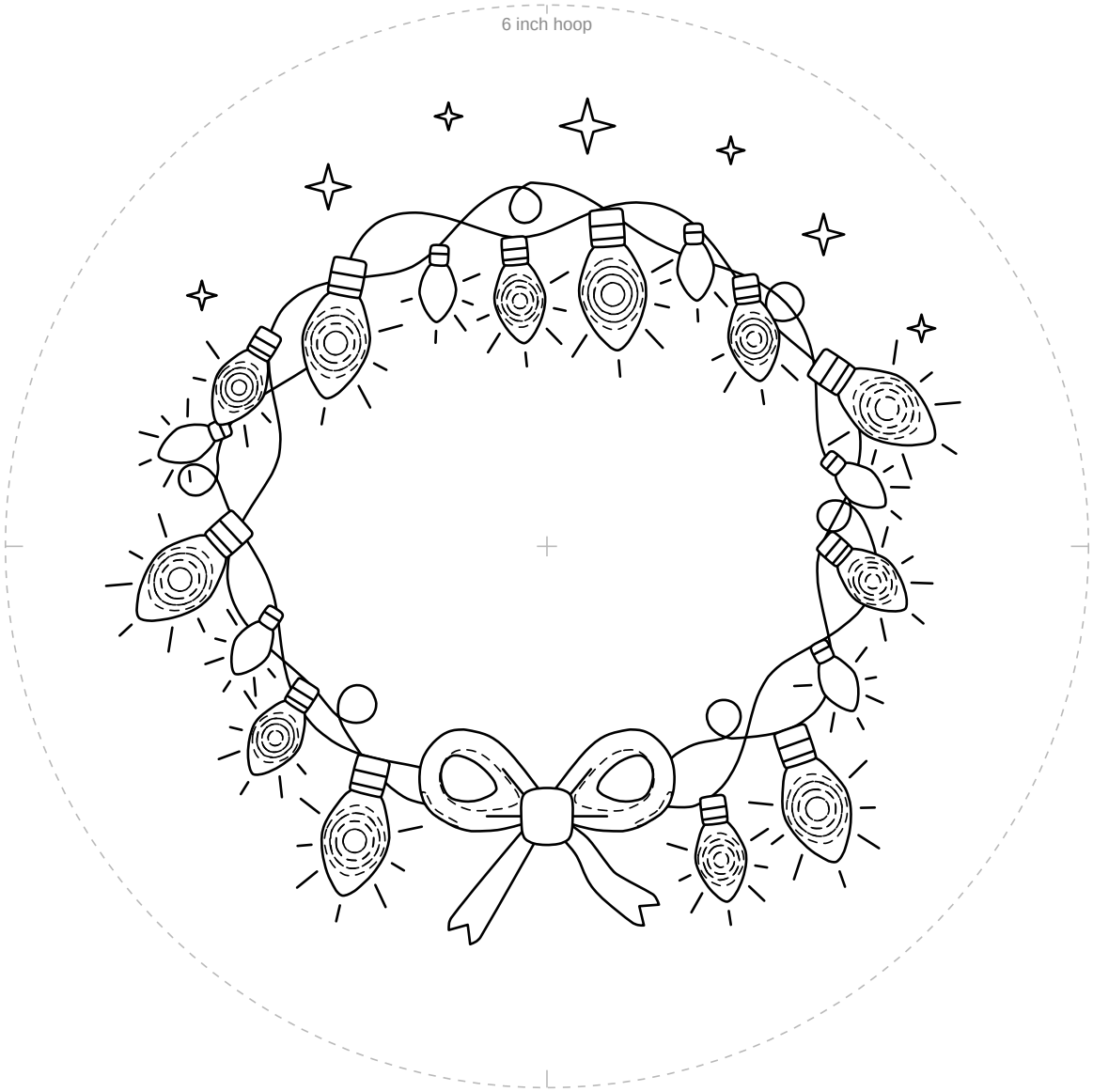
1	DMC 502 Blue Green	9	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	17	DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue
2	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	10	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	18	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
3	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	11	DMC 728 Topaz	19	DMC 598 Light Turquoise
4	DMC 498 Dark Red	12	DMC 3822 Light Straw	20	DMC 3761 Light Sky Blue
5	DMC 666 Bright Red	13	DMC 699 Green	21	DMC 321 Red
6	DMC 760 Salmon	14	DMC 910 Dark Emerald Green	22	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
7	DMC 746 Off White	15	DMC 912 Light Emerald Green		
8	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	16	DMC 955 Light Nile Green		

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6 inch hoop

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.
On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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