Striped mittens on a bow

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4 × 4.5 in (10.2 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

16 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. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Pine needles



2. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Pine twigs, lines of the jingle bell

3. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Bow tails, red stripes, ivory stripes, jingle bell, bow insides, bow loops, bow knot



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cuff linings, ribbed cuffs, bow folds, holly leaves



5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the red stripes, lines of the ivory stripes



6. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: bow edges, bell slot, bell edge, bow rims
   3 strands: mitten edges
   1 strand: cuff rims, bell band, lines of the bow folds, holly veins, berry edges

7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Rib lines

8. **Whipped back stitch**
   4 strands
   Cords



9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbed cuffs, cord knots, berries



10. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
    Berry highlights



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 498 Dark Red	7	DMC 522 Fern Green	13	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
2	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	8	DMC 928 Very Light Gray Green	14	DMC 3822 Light Straw
3	DMC 321 Red	9	DMC 3865 Winter White	15	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green
4	DMC 666 Bright Red	10	DMC 712 Cream	16	DMC 989 Forest Green
5	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	11	DMC 927 Light Gray Green		
6	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz		

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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.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one 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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