Christmas Scottie bringing home the tree

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

23 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 160, 2 of DMC 159 and 2 of DMC 3753; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
   2 strands: sky, far hills, snowy slopes, lane, near snow
   1 strand: far firs, cottage walls, cottage roof, shadow on the snow, sled deck (color 15), trunk (color 12), fir boughs (colors 9, 10 and 16), far legs, tail, coat, skirt, near hind leg, near fore leg, ears, brow, head, cheek, inner ear, beard, muzzle, moustache, bird tail, bird (color 17), holly leaves
2. **Satin stitch**
   colors 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 23
   2 strands: cottage chimney, cottage door, cottage window, sled tracks, sled runners, sled posts, trunk (color 15), cords, fir boughs (color 9), sled deck (color 15), harness, harness ring, mouth, nose, eye rim, bird (color 17), bird wing, bird face, bird bill, holly stems
   1 strand: eye
3. **Straight stitch**, colors 11, 12, 18
   1 strand: window bars, toes, bird feet
   3 strands: eye highlight
4. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands, colors 17, 23
   Lines of the trace
5. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 6, 10, 21
   3 strands: cottage smoke
   2 strands: edges of the eye rim
   1 strand: holly veins
   4 strands: round edge
6. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 9, 17, 18
   2 strands: door wreath
   3 strands: knots of the trace, holly berries
   1 strand: bird eye

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 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	9	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	17	DMC 321 Red
2	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	10	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	18	DMC 310 Black
3	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	11	DMC 3865 Winter White	19	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
4	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	12	DMC 433 Medium Brown	20	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
5	DMC 794 Light Cornflower Blue	13	DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet	21	DMC 317 Pewter Gray
6	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	14	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	22	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
7	DMC 159 Light Gray Blue	15	DMC 436 Tan	23	DMC 498 Dark Red
8	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	16	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green		

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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.



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