Christmas Scottie dog border

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 3.1 in (11.7 × 7.9 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

17 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Light string

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Snow, tail, far legs, body, skirt, near legs, chest, ears, head, beard, brows, haunches, front legs



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bulbs, bulb caps, holly leaves, dog biscuit, candy-cane frame, tartan coats, collars, noses, eyes, shadow between the legs, bow, inner ears



4. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: snowflakes
   2 strands: toes, bow folds, mouths
   1 strand: lights



5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: holly veins, frame edges
   2 strands: coat edges

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the dog biscuit, edges of the collars, edges of the bow

7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Tartan lines

8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Holly berries



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 986 Very Dark Forest Green	7	DMC 437 Light Tan	13	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
2	DMC 321 Red	8	DMC 433 Medium Brown	14	DMC 317 Pewter Gray
3	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	9	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	15	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
4	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	10	DMC 310 Black	16	DMC 712 Cream
5	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	11	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	17	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6	DMC B5200 Snow White	12	DMC 435 Very Light Brown		

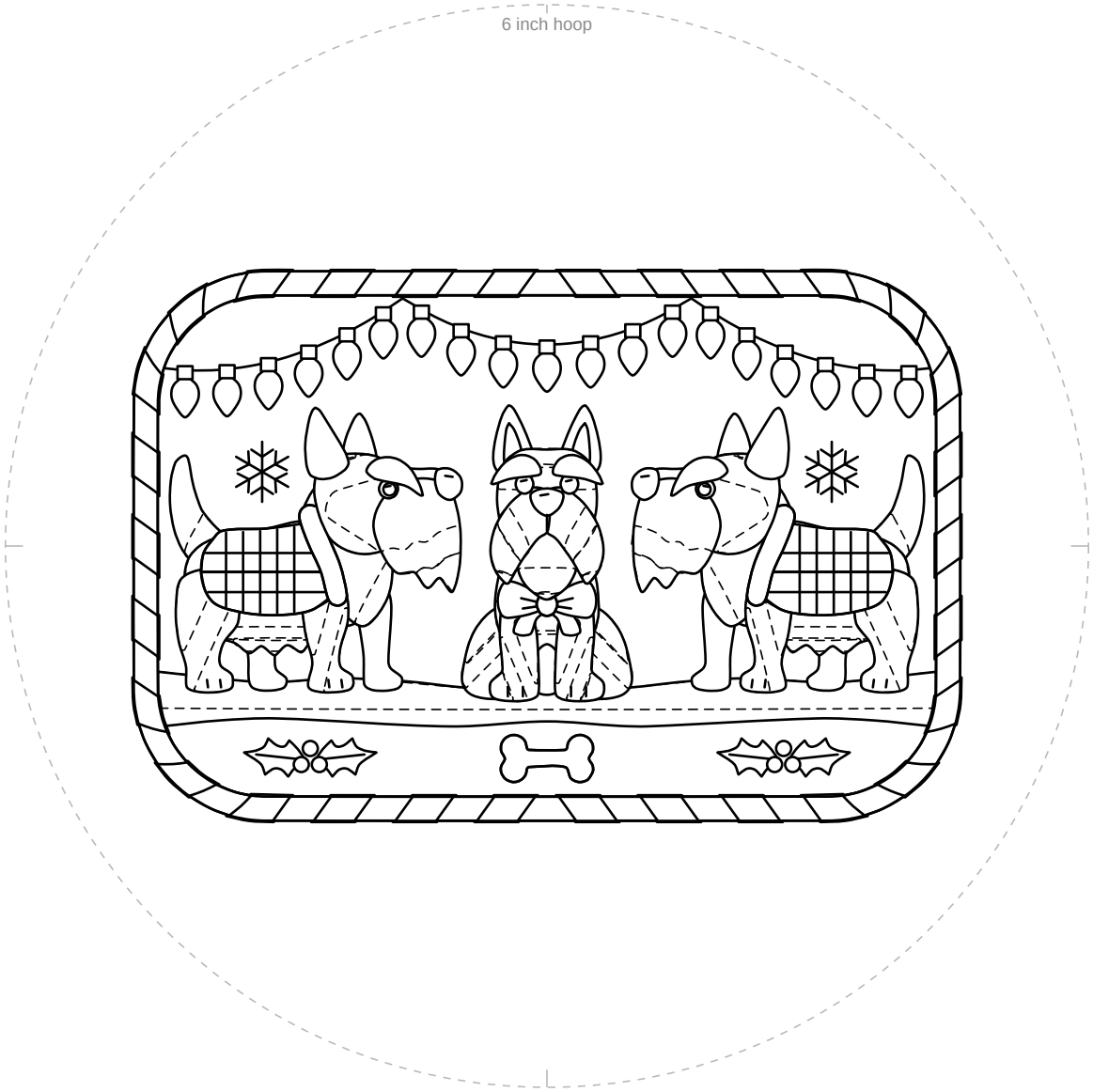
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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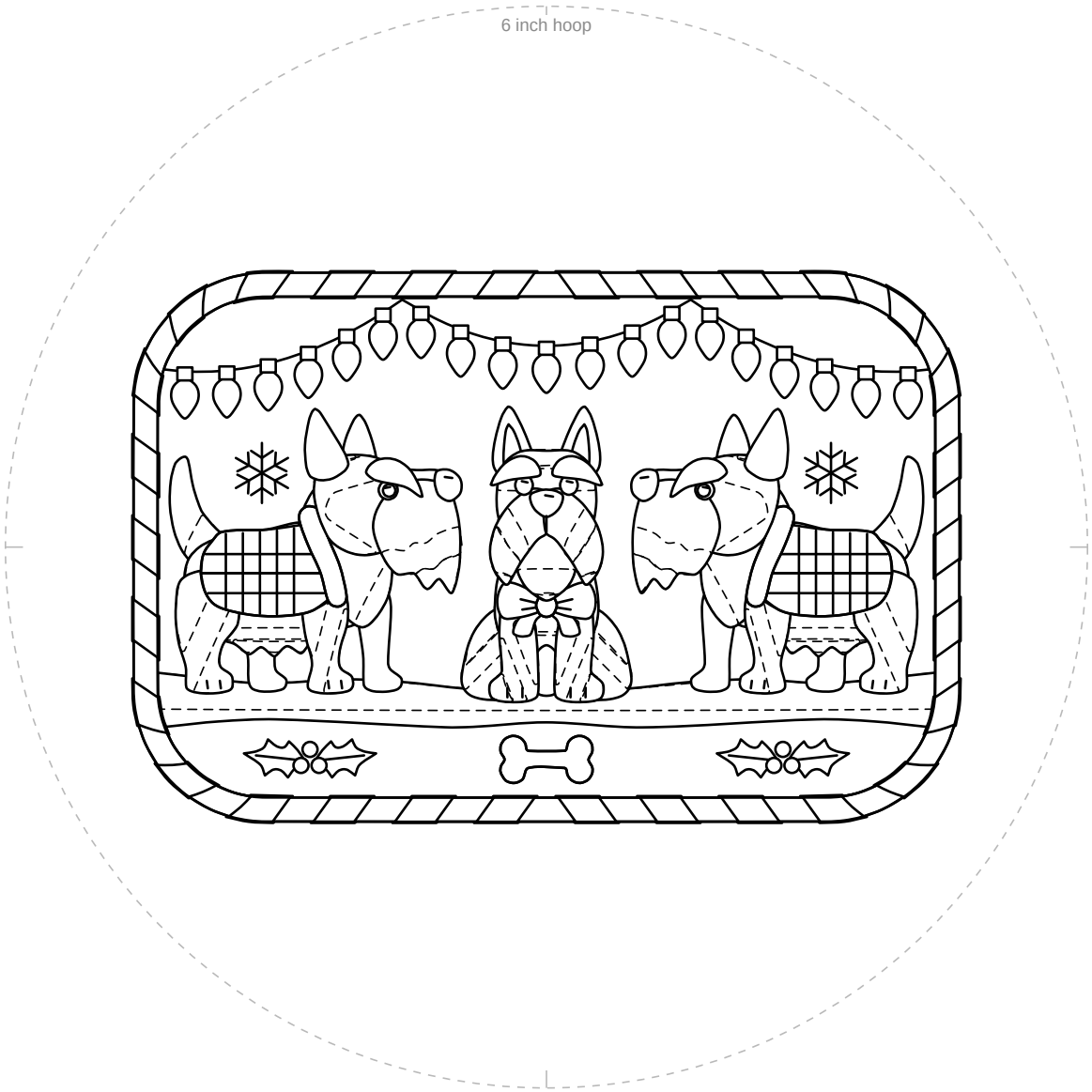
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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