Christmas train around the tree

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4.4 in (9.9 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Trunk, star, couplings, cab, cab window, cab stripe, cab roof, chimney, chimney rim, steam dome, smokebox, boiler bands, headlamp, and 22 more
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tree shadow, boiler, steam
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Fir sprays
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Track ties, bauble light, snowflakes
5. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Rails
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Teddy edge
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Wheel bolts, teddy face, teddy bow, wreath bow, popcorn garland, cranberries, snowflakes

Floss

- **1 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Track ties
- **2 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray** Rails and wheels
- **3 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown** Trunk
- **4 DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green**
  Tree shadow (darker), fir sprays (darkest)
- **5 DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green**
  Fir sprays (dark), tree shadow (lighter), wreath
- **6 DMC 367 Dark Pistachio Green** Fir sprays (light)
- **7 DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green**
  Fir sprays (lightest)
- **8 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Caboose windows, cab window, headlamp and wreath bow, star (light), teddy bow (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Baubles (lighter), wheel hubs, wagon rim, small gift and boiler bands and 4 more parts
- **10 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Running board, caboose sill and couplings, star (dark)
- **11 DMC 3765 Very Dark Peacock Blue**
  Cab, caboose roof, smokebox and chimney, gift ribbons and gift bows (lighter)
- **12 DMC BLANC White**
  Steam (light), snowflakes, popcorn garland and tall gift and 3 more parts
- **13 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Cab roof and wheel bolts, boiler (middle), gift ribbons and gift bows (darker)
- **14 DMC 321 Red**
  Caboose, cranberries and caboose cupola, boiler (light), baubles and teddy bow (darker)
- **15 DMC 815 Medium Garnet** Boiler (dark)
- **16 DMC 437 Light Tan** Teddy bear
- **17 DMC 738 Very Light Tan** Teddy muzzle and teddy ears
- **18 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Teddy edge and teddy face
- **19 DMC 3766 Light Peacock Blue** Wagon
- **20 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray** Steam (middle)
- **21 DMC 415 Pearl Gray** Steam (dark)

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. 4 strands: track ties; 2 strands: bauble light, snowflakes.
French knot. 3 strands: cranberries; 2 strands: wheel bolts, teddy face, teddy bow, wreath bow, popcorn garland; 1 strand: snowflakes.

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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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