Christmas tree from a spool of thread

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.5 × 4.8 in (8.9 × 12.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Floss

- **1 DMC 699 Green**
  Tree line and thread on the spool
- **2 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Spool ends
- **3 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Gold lights and hangers, star (darker)
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Star (lighter)
- **5 DMC 321 Red**
  Red balls

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Spool ends, star, red balls
2. **Chain stitch**, 5 strands
   Tree line
3. **Back stitch**, 5 strands
   Thread on the spool
4. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Hangers
5. **French knot**
   4 strands, two wraps
   Gold lights



Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker’s carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen’s packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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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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 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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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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