Christmas tree truck

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

24 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3756; one of each other 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Dusk sky, far wood, snow, trunk, fir boughs, cab, snow on the roof, shadow under the truck, tires, fenders, nose panel, hood, wreath, wheel ruts
2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24
   Stake bed, bed posts, snow on the bed, sawn trunk, snow on the fir, windshield, glass shine, dusk in the glass, mirrors, grille, grille bars, hood strip, bow, bumper, lamp rims, lamps, lamp hearts
3. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 13
   Edges of the sawn trunk
4. **Couching**, 4 strands, colors 12, 16
   Rope
5. **Split stitch**, colors 9, 13, 17
   1 strand: edges of the sawn trunk
   2 strands: window frames, hood edge, hood seams
6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 16
   Stars
7. **Stem stitch**, colors 9, 10, 11, 21, 23
   1 strand: wipers, tread
   2 strands: mirror arms, ring
   3 strands: grille rim
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps, color 20
   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 754 Light Peach	9	DMC 159 Light Gray Blue	17	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
2	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	10	DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue	18	DMC 498 Dark Red
3	DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet	11	DMC 3865 Winter White	19	DMC 321 Red
4	DMC 316 Medium Antique Mauve	12	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	20	DMC 350 Medium Coral
5	DMC 352 Light Coral	13	DMC 433 Medium Brown	21	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
6	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	14	DMC 502 Blue Green	22	DMC 334 Medium Baby Blue
7	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	15	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	23	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
8	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	16	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	24	DMC 3820 Dark Straw

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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