Christmas tree with baubles

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 4.7 in (8.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Sill, trunk, pot, back boughs, twigs, side boughs, fresh tips, front boughs, baubles, tip



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 12, 17
   Soil, caps, window



3. **Woven filling stitch**
   3 strands, color 1
   Woven rim



4. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 12
   2 strands: rim edge
   1 strand: loops

5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, color 16
   Lights



6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 10, 11, 23
   Moss



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 435 Very Light Brown	9	DMC 502 Blue Green	17	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
2	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	10	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	18	DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve
3	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany	11	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	19	DMC 315 Medium Dark Antique Mauve
4	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	20	DMC 778 Very Light Antique Mauve
5	DMC 920 Medium Copper	13	DMC 321 Red	21	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
6	DMC 921 Copper	14	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	22	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
7	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	15	DMC 3706 Medium Melon	23	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
8	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	16	DMC 3865 Winter White		

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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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25.4 mm

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



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