Coffee in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 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.

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

23 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 712; one of each other 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**, 4 strands
   Holly stems

2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: snow, handle, mug, cozy, band
   1 strand: holly leaves, coffee, robin tail, robin belly, robin side, robin back, robin breast, robin cap, robin wing



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rim, cozy edge, letters, steam, robin eye, robin beak



4. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: leaf veins
   2 strands: band edges, robin legs

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Mug edges, steam edges, feather edges

6. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the cozy



7. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the cozy edge, eye highlight
   2 strands: robin feet



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Berry highlights, berry ends



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 BLANC White	9	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	17	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown
2	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 321 Red	18	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
3	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	11	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	19	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige
4	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	12	DMC 498 Dark Red	20	DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige
5	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	13	DMC 712 Cream	21	DMC 922 Light Copper
6	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	14	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown	22	DMC 920 Medium Copper
7	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	15	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	23	DMC 921 Copper
8	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	16	DMC 3371 Black Brown		

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6 inch hoop

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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