Cookie cutters hanging on a string

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 3.9 in (11.4 × 9.9 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   String
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Cookies
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Inside of the cutters, holly leaves, holly berries, shelf, shelf trim, icing, door, windows, red icing
4. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: far rims, window frames
   2 strands: rings, shelf edge, smile
5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Corners, berry highlights, icing folds
6. **Split stitch**
   3 strands: front rims
   1 strand: holly veins
   2 strands: cookie edges
7. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Icing lines
8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   String knots, trim dots, icing dots, eyes

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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.

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.

Buy: 15 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 318 Light Steel Gray	**6**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**11**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	**7**	DMC 321 Red	**12**	DMC 436 Tan
3	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	**8**	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**13**	DMC 434 Light Brown
4	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	**9**	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**14**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
5	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	**10**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	**15**	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 dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one 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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