Cozy with a sleeping cat

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.6 in (11.4 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

21 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 822; 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. **Stem stitch**, 5 strands
   Mistletoe stems
2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: blanket
   1 strand: body fur, tail fur, hind foot fur, thigh fur, paw fur, foreleg fur, ears, inner ears, face fur, mistletoe leaves
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Blanket stripes, nose, bow
4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Blanket edge, toes, thigh crease, mouth
5. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: fringe
   1 strand: ear tufts, closed eyes (color 18), whiskers
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Letter edges
7. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: closed eyes (color 18)
   1 strand: lines of the mistletoe leaves
8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Letters, bow, pearl berries
9. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Fringe knots

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 822 Light Beige Gray	8	DMC 321 Red	15	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown
2	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	9	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	16	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
3	DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown	10	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown	17	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta
4	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown	11	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	18	DMC 3371 Black Brown
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	12	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany	19	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green
6	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	13	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	20	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green
7	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	14	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	21	DMC 3346 Hunter Green

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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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