Poinsettia crescent spray

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.2 in (11.7 × 10.7 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

19 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each 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. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 8, 9, 10
   Winterberries



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
   Holly leaves, bud leaves, bud, poinsettia leaves, second bloom, bracts



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 1, 11
   3 strands: flower stems
   2 strands: pine twigs, berry stalks

4. **Straight stitch**, colors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
   3 strands: pine needles
   1 or 2 strands: berry highlights
   1 strand: frost



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 6, 9, 15
   Holly veins, frost, leaf veins, bract veins

6. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 9, 18, 19
   2 strands: flower centers
   1 strand: berry ends



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 839 Dark Beige Brown	8	DMC 498 Dark Red	15	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green
2	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	9	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	16	DMC 351 Coral
3	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	10	DMC 350 Medium Coral	17	DMC 352 Light Coral
4	DMC 502 Blue Green	11	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	18	DMC 726 Light Topaz
5	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	12	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	19	DMC 907 Light Parrot Green
6	DMC B5200 Snow White	13	DMC 3346 Hunter Green		
7	DMC 349 Dark Coral	14	DMC 988 Medium Forest 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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