Days until Christmas countdown parcel

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.2 in (10.9 × 10.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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 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.

Buy: 18 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Small parcel, parcel front, parcel lid, slate, mouse arms, mouse body, mouse belly, mouse haunch, mouse head, muzzle
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold ribbon, gold bow, ribbon, slate frame, holly leaves, bow tails, inside of the bow, bow loops, berries, mouse tail, mouse ears, ear insides, mouse paws, mouse feet, scarf, mouse eye, mouse nose, chalk, words, sprig leaves
3. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: small parcel ribs, small parcel edges, parcel ribs
   3 strands: parcel edges
   4 strands: hanging cord
4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the chalk garland
5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: gold bow edges, ribbon edges, frame edges, leaf veins, bow folds, fur shadows, ear rims
   2 strands: bow edges
6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: frame corners, whiskers
   2 strands: berry highlights, eye highlight
7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bow knot
8. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
   Frame nails, knots of the chalk garland

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 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	7	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	13	DMC 666 Bright Red
2	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green	8	DMC 321 Red	14	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
3	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	9	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	15	DMC 437 Light Tan
4	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	10	DMC 3865 Winter White	16	DMC 838 Very Dark Beige Brown
5	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	11	DMC 3072 Very Light Beaver Gray	17	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
6	DMC 498 Dark Red	12	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	18	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta

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



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