Dear Santa with gingerbread

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.9 × 4.3 in (12.4 × 10.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Bay leaves
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Orange peel, orange pith, orange segments, star anise, cinnamon ties, sugar heart, gingham ribbon, ribbon backs, cheeks, bow tie, gold beads, words
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Star cookies, cinnamon sticks, heart cookie, gingerbread man
4. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bow knot, red beads
5. **Whipped back stitch**, 6 strands
   Twine
6. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Cookie edges, ribbon edges, words
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Icing
8. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Cinnamon rolls, ribbon edges, icing smile
9. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Cinnamon rolls, cinnamon ties
10. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
    Bead lights
11. **French knot**
    strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Anise seeds, icing dots, icing eyes, icing buttons, icing on the letters

Floss

- **1 DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green** Bay leaves (dark)
- **2 DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green** Bay leaves (light)
- **3 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green** Bay leaves (middle)
- **4 DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown**
  Gingerbread man, heart cookie and star cookies (middle), twine (lighter)
- **5 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany** Cookie edges, twine (darker)
- **6 DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange** Orange peel (darker)
- **7 DMC 971 Pumpkin** Orange peel (lighter), orange segments (dark)
- **8 DMC 744 Pale Yellow** Orange pith
- **9 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine** Orange segments (middle)
- **10 DMC 742 Light Tangerine** Orange segments (light)
- **11 DMC 632 Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand**
  Cinnamon sticks (dark), star anise (lighter)
- **12 DMC 3857 Dark Rosewood** Cinnamon rolls, star anise (darker)
- **13 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Anise seeds
- **14 DMC 3826 Golden Brown**
  Star cookies, gingerbread man and heart cookie (dark)
- **15 DMC 977 Light Golden Brown**
  Gingerbread man, heart cookie and star cookies (light)
- **16 DMC BLANC White**
  Gingham ribbon (light), icing on the letters and icing and 5 more parts
- **17 DMC 321 Red**
  Gingham ribbon (dark), cinnamon ties, red beads and bow tie (lighter) and 3 more parts
- **18 DMC 3773 Medium Desert Sand** Cinnamon sticks (middle)
- **19 DMC 3064 Desert Sand** Cinnamon sticks (light)
- **20 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Words, ribbon edges and ribbon backs, cinnamon ties, red beads and bow tie (darker)
- **21 DMC 760 Salmon** Gingham ribbon (middle), cheeks
- **22 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Gold beads (lighter)
- **23 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Gold beads (darker)

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is whipped back stitch. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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How many strands

Split stitch. 3 strands: cookie edges; 2 strands: ribbon edges, words.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: icing smile; 1 or 2 strands: ribbon edges; 1 strand: cinnamon rolls.
French knot. 2 strands: anise seeds, icing dots, icing eyes, icing buttons; 1 strand: icing on the letters.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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