Dear Santa

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.4 in (11.7 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 17
   Striped paper edge, letters, beak, eye



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Envelope lining, envelope front, tail, belly, back, bib, wing feathers, small wing feathers, shoulder, holly leaves



3. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 5, 11, 18
   Paper outline (color 4), letter edges, body edge, feather edges, leaf edges

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 4, 15, 21
   2 strands: envelope edges, feet, leaf veins
   1 strand: paper outline (color 4)
   3 strands: legs, holly stem

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 12
   Berry highlights



6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 3, 5, 22, 23
   Heart, berries



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, colors 12, 17
   Eye highlight, berry eyes



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 501 Dark Blue Green	9	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	17	DMC 3371 Black Brown
2	DMC 434 Light Brown	10	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	18	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
3	DMC 321 Red	11	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray	19	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green
4	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	12	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	20	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green
5	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	13	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	21	DMC 989 Forest Green
6	DMC 437 Light Tan	14	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin	22	DMC 498 Dark Red
7	DMC 436 Tan	15	DMC 920 Medium Copper	23	DMC 666 Bright Red
8	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	16	DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange		

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



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