Christmas bauble with a diamond band

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 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, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Bough stems, glass highlight, green points, red lozenges, ivory diamonds, red diamonds, gold bands, ivory points, gold cap, ring, cord wraps, cone scales



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
   Fir boughs, red glass, green glass



3. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 18
   Diamond hearts, berries



4. **Straight stitch**
   colors 4, 6, 7, 14, 15, 21
   2 strands: fir needles, glass highlight, berry highlights
   1 strand: cap flutes, cone lights



5. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 5, 9, 16, 21
   2 or 3 strands: bauble edge
   1 or 2 strands: diamond edges
   1 strand: bough stems, gold edges, gold cord

6. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 to 3 strands, colors 8, 9
   Cord

7. **Couching**, 2 strands, color 21
   Gold cord



8. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, color 3
   Cone edges

9. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 3, 8, 14, 18
   2 strands: pearls, gold knots
   1 strand: berry green cup



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 841 Light Beige Brown	8	DMC 321 Red	15	DMC 712 Cream
2	DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown	9	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	16	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
3	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	10	DMC 498 Dark Red	17	DMC 3822 Light Straw
4	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	11	DMC 666 Bright Red	18	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	12	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	19	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
6	DMC 502 Blue Green	13	DMC 3706 Medium Melon	20	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown
7	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	14	DMC BLANC White	21	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz

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6 inch hoop

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 dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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



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