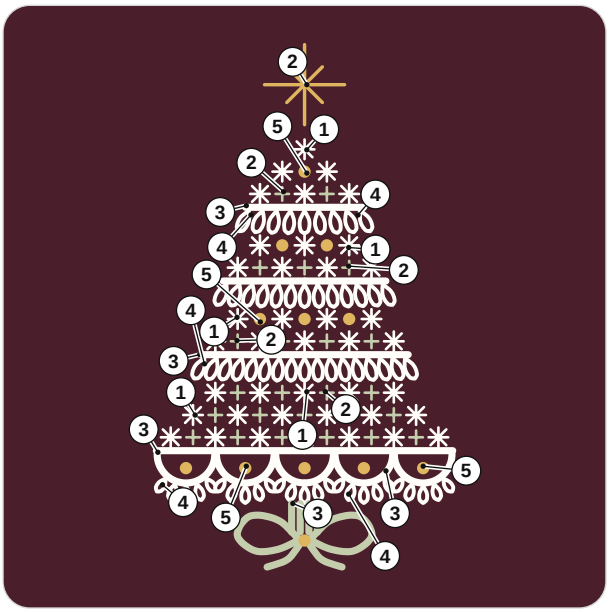
Easy chicken scratch Christmas tree

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 2.6 × 4.5 in (6.6 × 11.4 cm)



Floss

- **DMC BLANC White**
  Tree, lace hems, hem lines and scallops
- **DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Checks, bow and trunk
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Beads and star

A number is a row of the list.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

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 2 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 2 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 2 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. **Star stitch**, 3 strands
   Tree
2. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: checks
   5 strands: star



3. **Chain stitch**
   2 strands: hem lines, scallops, trunk
   3 strands: bow



Stitch in this order, continued

4. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 3 strands
   Lace hems



5. **French knot**
   4 strands, two wraps
   Beads



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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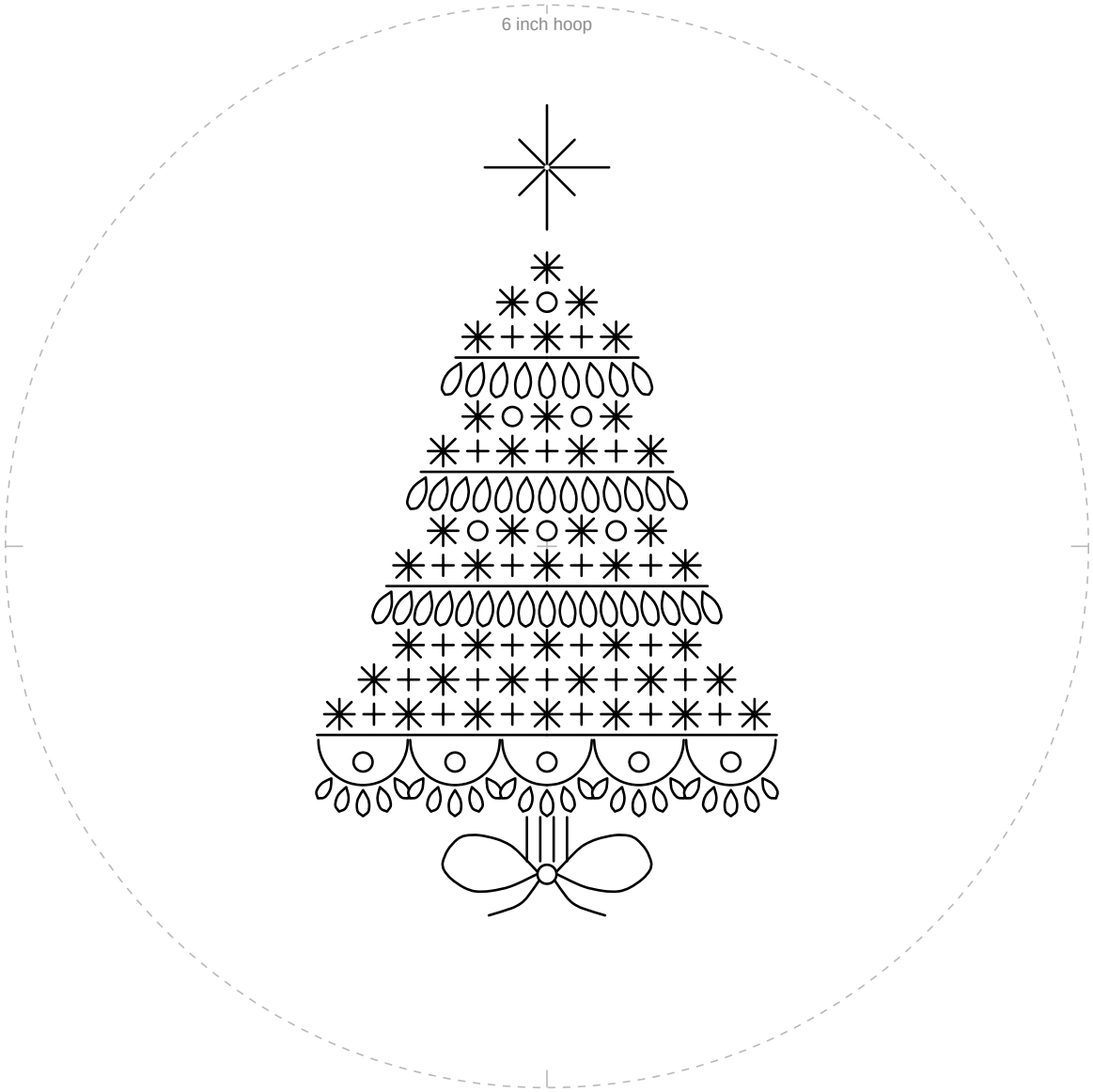
6 inch hoop

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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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