Easy gift tag with a cedar sprig

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3 × 4.7 in (7.6 × 11.9 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: cedar stem
   2 strands: cone stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Cedar



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: cones, cone scales, eyelet, twine knot
   3 strands: twine



4. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
   Tag edge



5. **Running stitch**, 4 strands
   Tag inner line

6. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the twine knot



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

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: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 7, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 321 Red
2 DMC BLANC White
3 DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
4 DMC 3346 Hunter Green
5 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
6 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green
7 DMC 436 Tan

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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.



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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