Easy Santa with a tree ornament

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

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 that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 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 3 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.

Buy: 7 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Boots, hearts, trunk, cut end, fir, mitten, face, nose, mustache, eye, robin back, robin belly, robin breast, robin wing



2. **Whipped back stitch**, 4 strands
   Ring

3. **Stem stitch**
   5 strands: boot soles
   3 strands: coat, coat folds, hem band, hem lines, sleeve, snow on the fir, hat
   4 strands: brow

4. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Zigzags

5. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
   Snow bank, boot cuffs, fur trim, cuff, beard, hat fur



6. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: young firs
   2 strands: cheek, robin legs, robin wing bar, snowflakes
   4 strands: robin bill



7. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: berries, pompom, robin eye
   1 strand: eye highlight



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

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 712 Cream	**4** DMC 3816 Celadon Green	**7** DMC 815 Medium Garnet
2 DMC 321 Red	**5** DMC 3064 Desert Sand	
3 DMC 3815 Dark Celadon Green	**6** DMC 3371 Black Brown	

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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 dashed line is whipped back stitch.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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