Eight-point tree topper star

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



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

16 colors of floss (page 2): 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 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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 5, 9, 10, 15, 16
   Twig shadows, snow, pearl drop



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, color 8
   Leading shoot



3. **Couching**, 6 strands, colors 1, 2
   Frame



4. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 3, 5, 6, 7
   1 strand: silver rays, far stars, hanging thread
   2 strands: spruce needles



5. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands, color 8
   Twigs

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 14
   Star ridges

7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 11, 12, 13
   Star facets



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 1, 3
   Ring of knots



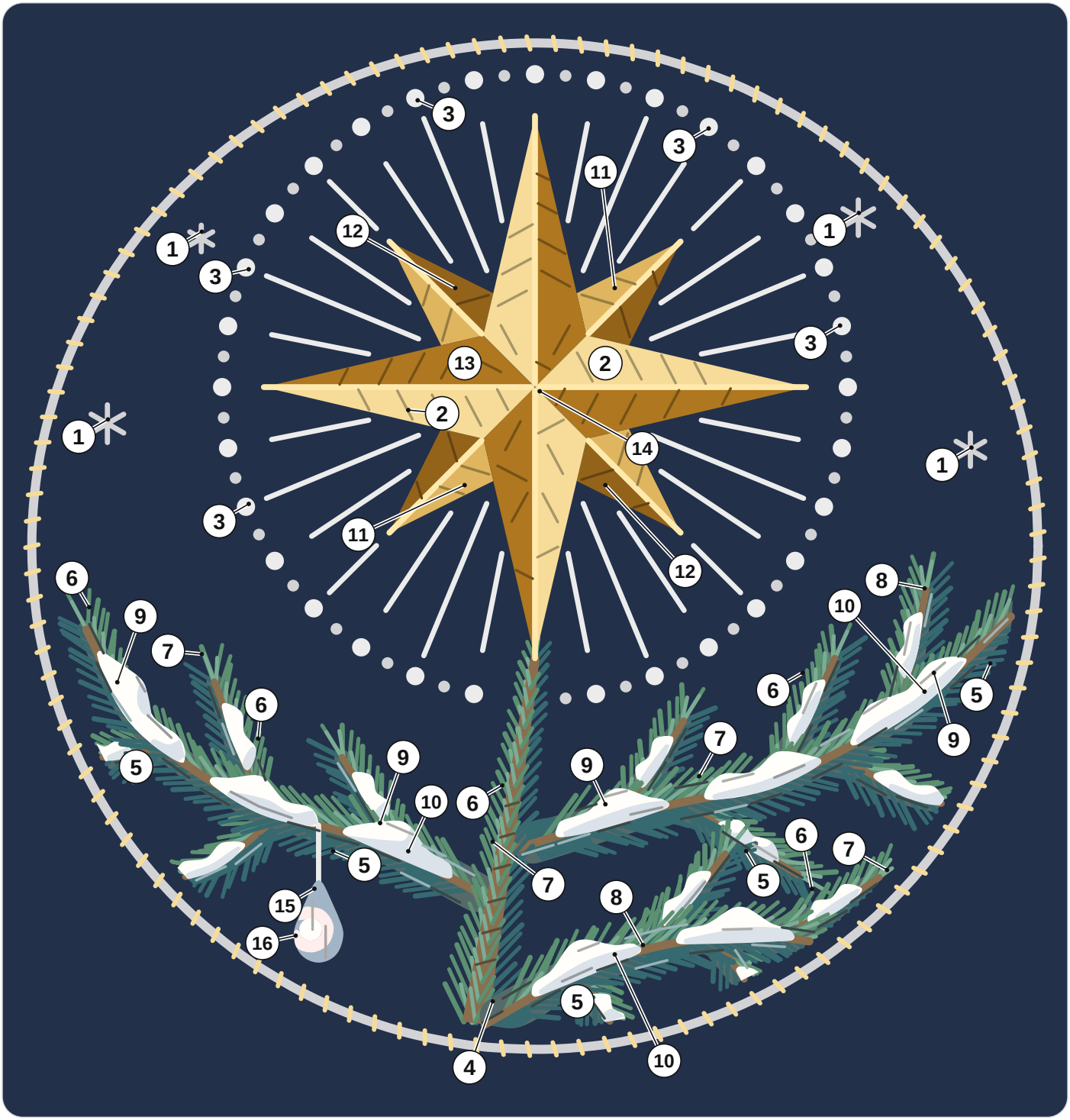
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 415 Pearl Gray	7	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	13	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
2	DMC 3822 Light Straw	8	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	14	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
3	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	9	DMC BLANC White	15	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
4	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green	10	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	16	DMC 819 Light Baby Pink
5	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	11	DMC 3820 Dark Straw		
6	DMC 502 Blue Green	12	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz		

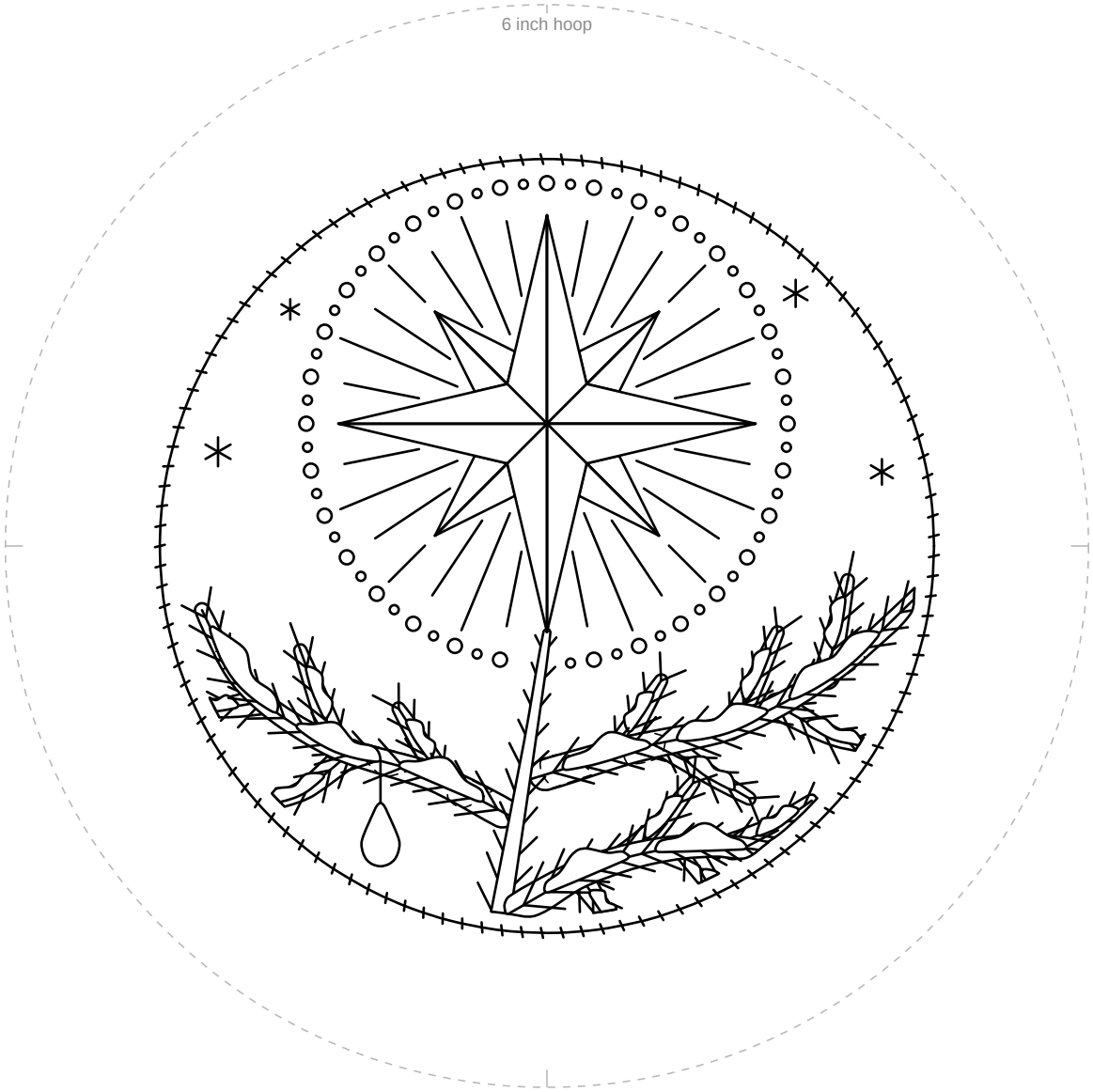
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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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