Elf with a saw in the snow

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4 × 3.5 in (10.2 × 8.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Moon, far spruces, snow, snow shadows, trousers, coat, half belt, fluffy trim, boots, boot soles, cuffs, ears, hair, scarf, hat, hat brim, and 18 more
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Spruce boughs
3. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Moon, snow edges, coat edges, boot seams, ear folds, scarf folds, hat, stump rings
4. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Coat
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Scarf fringe, robin bill, robin legs
6. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Rope
7. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   Rope

Floss

- **1 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Snow, fluffy trim, hat brim, cuffs, robin belly and bobble, moon (lighter)
- **2 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Snow edges, far spruces and snow shadows, moon (darker)
- **3 DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue**
  Trousers, boot seams, robin legs, saw pins, robin bill and robin eye
- **4 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Coat and buttons
- **5 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz** Coat edges
- **6 DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green**
  Scarf folds and half belt, mittens (darker)
- **7 DMC 321 Red** Saw frame, boots and ties
- **8 DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Robin back, stump, trunk, sled posts and boot soles, rope (darker) and 2 more parts
- **9 DMC 436 Tan**
  Ears, sled deck, stump top and trunk end, rope (lighter)
- **10 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Hair, sled runners, robin wing and robin tail
- **11 DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green**
  Scarf and scarf fringe, mittens (lighter)
- **12 DMC 937 Medium Avocado Green** Hat (darker)
- **13 DMC 469 Avocado Green** Hat (lighter)
- **14 DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray** Saw blade
- **15 DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Spruce boughs (dark)
- **16 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Spruce boughs (middle)
- **17 DMC 502 Blue Green** Spruce boughs (light)
- **18 DMC 921 Copper** Robin breast
- **19 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue** Footprints

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Buttons, fluffy trim, hair, saw pins, robin eye

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is whipped back stitch.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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3	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	**10**	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	**17**	DMC 502 Blue Green
4	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**11**	DMC 3848 Medium Teal Green	**18**	DMC 921 Copper
5	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**12**	DMC 937 Medium Avocado Green	**19**	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
6	DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green	**13**	DMC 469 Avocado Green		
7	DMC 321 Red	**14**	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray		

How many strands

Split stitch. 2 strands: coat edges, ear folds, hat; 1 or 2 strands: snow edges, scarf folds; 1 strand: moon, boot seams, stump rings.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: scarf fringe, robin bill; 2 strands: robin legs.
French knot. 2 strands: buttons, fluffy trim, hair, saw pins; 1 strand: robin eye.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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