Family in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.7 in (12.4 × 11.9 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

18 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Holly stems

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Snow bank, tall snowman, second snowman, third snowman, smallest snowman, top hat (color 2), bobble hat



3. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands: holly leaves, eyes, cheeks, carrot noses, hat band, top hat (color 4), hat cuff, earmuffs, buttons, mittens, mitten cuffs
   3 strands: scarf, letters



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: snow edges, scarf edges, closed eyes
   4 strands: twig arms

5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: berry highlights, eye highlights, carrot lines
   4 strands: scarf fringe



6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: holly veins, mitten edges
   2 strands: knitted ribs, smiles, drift lines

7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



8. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Pompom, knots of the earmuffs



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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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 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	7	DMC BLANC White	13	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray
2	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	8	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 760 Salmon
3	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	9	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	15	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine
4	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	10	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	16	DMC 720 Dark Orange Spice
5	DMC 321 Red	11	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	17	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
6	DMC 712 Cream	12	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	18	DMC 814 Dark Garnet

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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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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