# Family in mistletoe

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.8 in (11.7 × 12.2 cm)




Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 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. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: heart cords
   3 strands: mistletoe stems
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Stag, tails, doe, fawn (colors 11 and 14)
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Hooves, antlers, saddle blankets, blanket bands, stars, noses, ears, ear linings, collars, fawn (colors 11 and 14), letters, ribbon, bow
5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Fringe
6. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Gold edging (color 6)
7. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: lines of the stag, lines of the doe, lines of the fawn
   2 strands: lashes
8. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Gold edging (color 6), ground line
9. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Letter edges
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Mistletoe berries, hanging hearts, small hearts
11. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: gold knots, fawn spots
    2 strands: sprig berries

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.




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| 1 | DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw | 6 | DMC 676 Light Old Gold | 11 | DMC 738 Very Light Tan |
| 2 | DMC 522 Fern Green | 7 | DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown | 12 | DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green |
| 3 | DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green | 8 | DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown | 13 | DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta |
| 4 | DMC 3865 Winter White | 9 | DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown | 14 | DMC 436 Tan |
| 5 | DMC 321 Red | 10 | DMC 712 Cream | 15 | DMC 434 Light Brown |



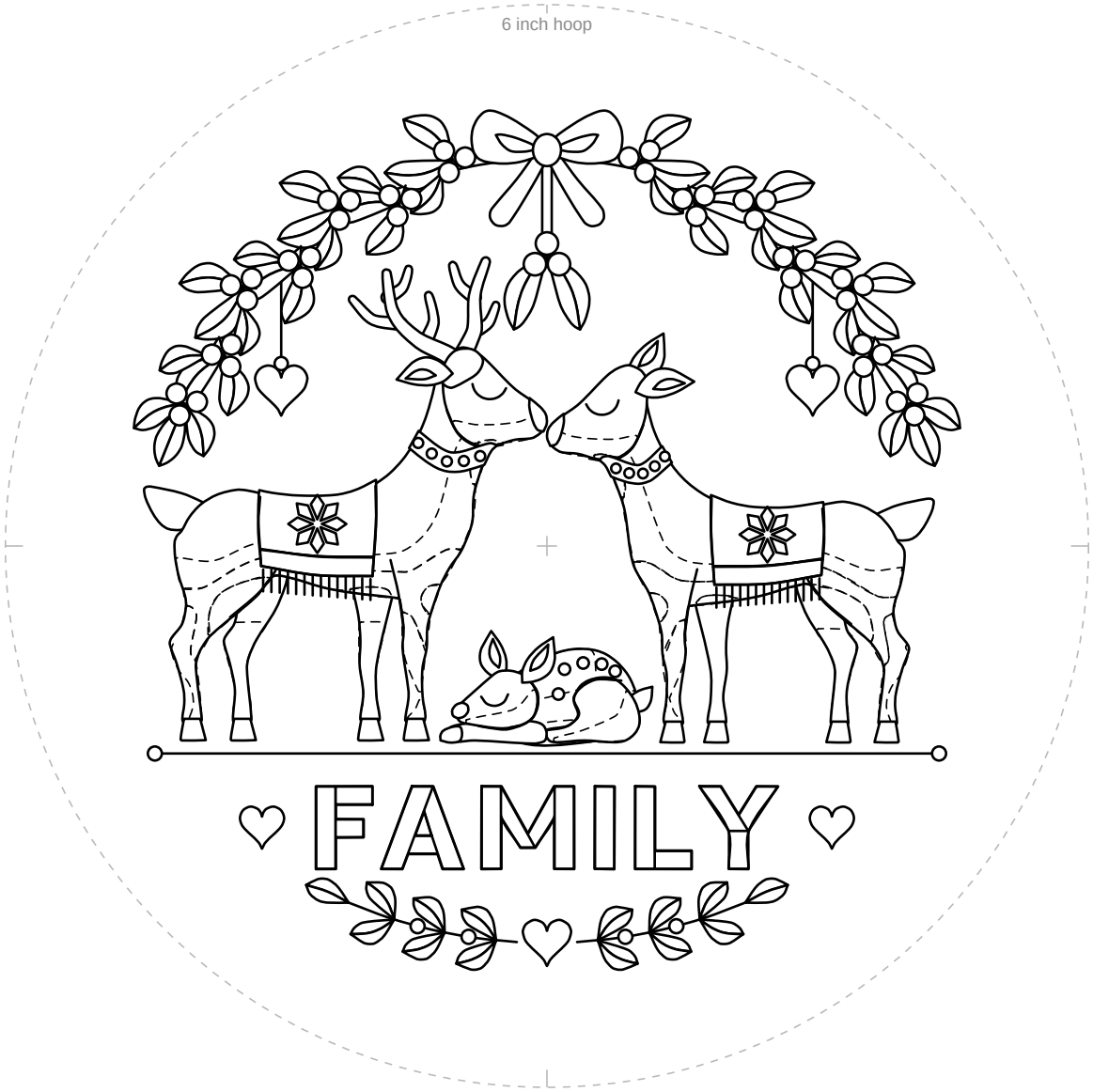
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a 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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