Family tree for a Christmas tree skirt

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 3.9 in (11.2 × 9.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: wine red 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
   Green needles, roots, root scroll, boughs, snow on the boughs, snowy needles, trunk, bauble rims, baubles, bauble caps, hearts, bird tails, and 9 more
2. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Hem line, bird twigs, fir sprig stems
3. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Hem line
4. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Frost edge
5. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Snowflakes, bauble threads, bird legs, eye lights
6. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Trunk edge, bird tails
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Hem berries, snowflakes, bird eyes, end stars, berries, top star

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.

Floss

- **1 DMC B5200 Snow White**
  Snow on the boughs, snowy needles and snowflakes, hem line (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **2 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Hem line (darker), top star and end stars (lighter)
- **3 DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown**
  Frost edge and bird twigs, trunk edge (lighter)
- **4 DMC 351 Coral**
  Hearts, bird breasts, hem berries, berries and heart, end stars and top star (darker)
- **5 DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green**
  Green needles (lighter)
- **6 DMC 502 Blue Green** Green needles (darker)
- **7 DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown**
  Boughs, trunk, root scroll, roots and fir sprig stems
- **8 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown**
  Trunk edge (darker)
- **9 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Bauble rims (lighter), bauble caps, bauble threads, bird legs and bills
- **10 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Bauble rims (darker)
- **11 DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue**
  Baubles and bird bellies
- **12 DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Bird wings, bird tails (darker)
- **13 DMC 3755 Baby Blue**
  Bird backs, bird tails (lighter)
- **14 DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue** Bird eyes

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot.

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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How many strands

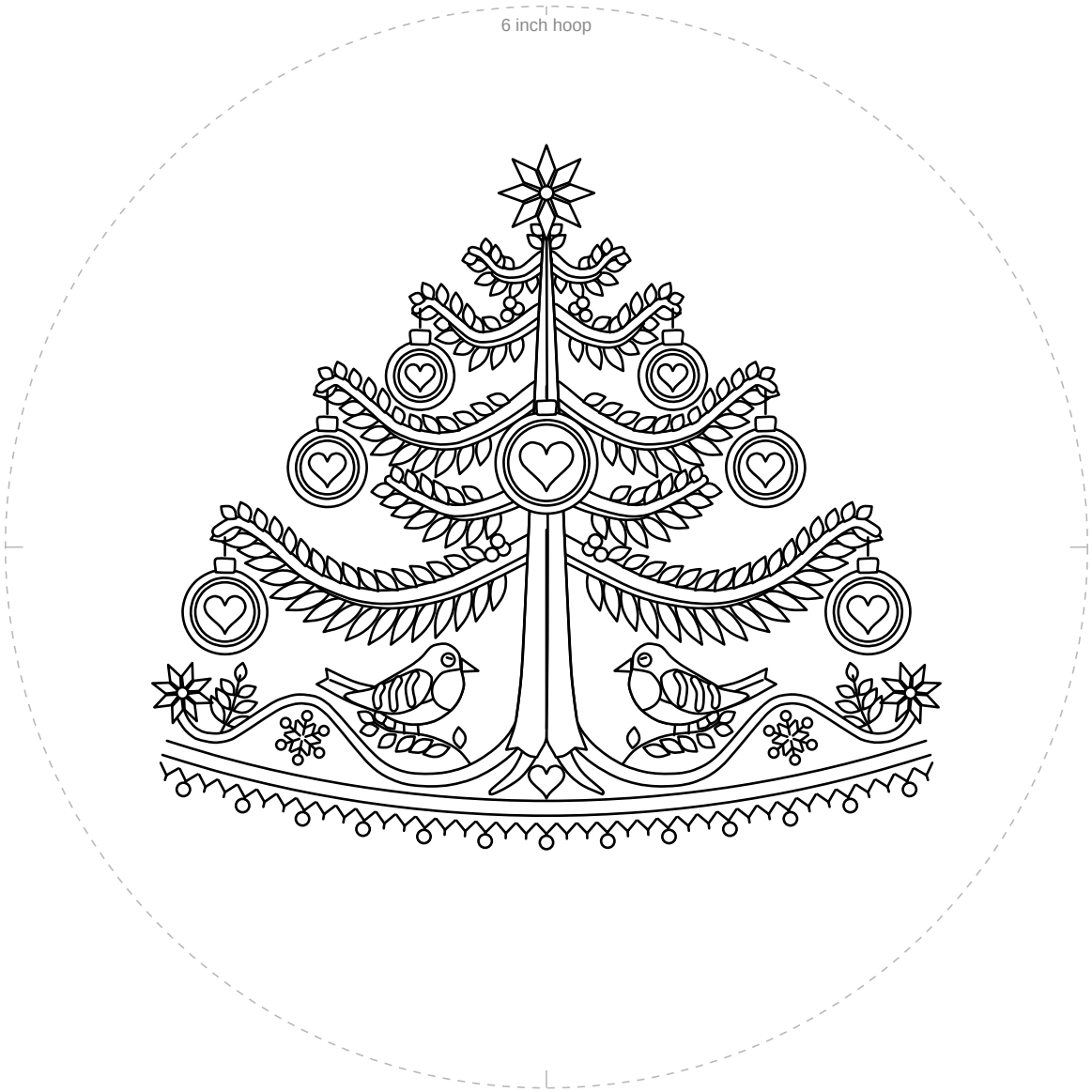
Stem stitch. 3 strands: hem line, bird twigs; 2 strands: fir sprig stems.
Straight stitch. 2 or 3 strands: snowflakes; 2 strands: bauble threads, bird legs; 1 strand: eye lights.
French knot. 2 strands: hem berries, bird eyes, end stars, berries, top star; 1 strand: snowflakes.

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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

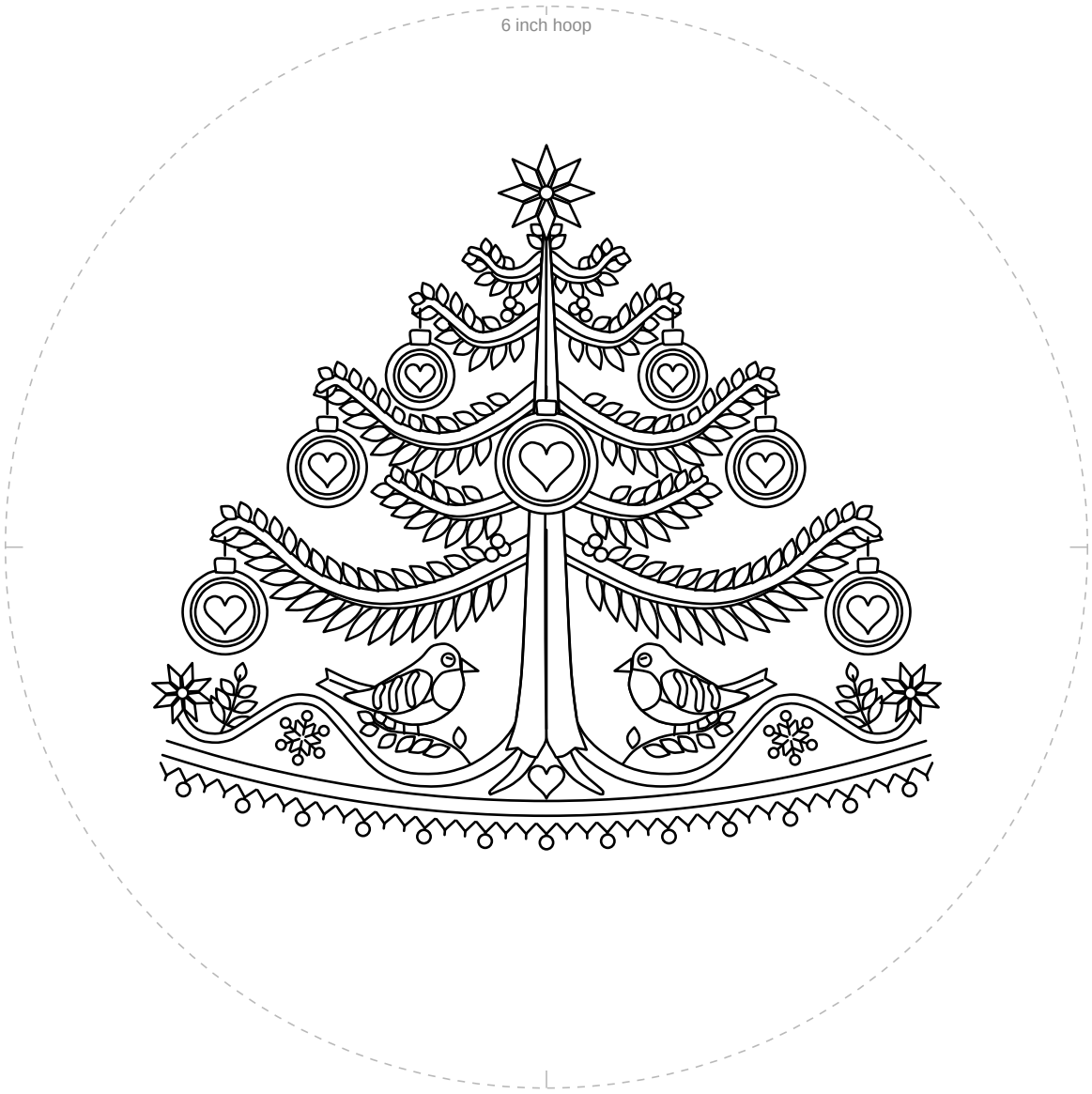
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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