German folk nativity border

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 1.9 in (12.2 × 4.8 cm).



Which color goes where.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

Floss

- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Scallops, arch edges, shepherd cape and sheep faces, mantles (darker) and 5 more parts
- **DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Fir, tulip leaves, heart leaves and heart stem
- **DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon**
  Tulip buds, shepherd coat, candles and scallop knots, robes (darker) and 6 more parts
- **DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Arch, tulip hearts and halos, robes (lighter), small stars (darker) and 8 more parts
- **DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Flames, great star and bells, small stars (lighter)
- **DMC 945 Tawny**
  Faces, child and hands
- **DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Crook, fir trunk, shepherd boots, cradle rockers and shepherd hair and 3 more parts
- **DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green**
  Shelf and shepherd hat, mantles, hoods and sleeves (lighter)
- **DMC 712 Cream**
  Sheep wool, swaddling and sheep eyes
- **DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown**
  Sheep and sheep ears

Stitches

- **Split stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Scallops, sleeve folds
- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Tulip leaves, tulip buds, tulip hearts, candles, flames, arch, arch feet, great star, robes, mantles, hoods, faces, sleeves, hands, beard, and 22 more
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Scallop knots, arch dots, mantle dots, child curl, sheep wool, bells
- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Arch edges, halos, mantle trim, pillow edge, crook, coat hem, heart stem
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Hair, eyes, mouth, hat band, sheep eyes, lamb collars

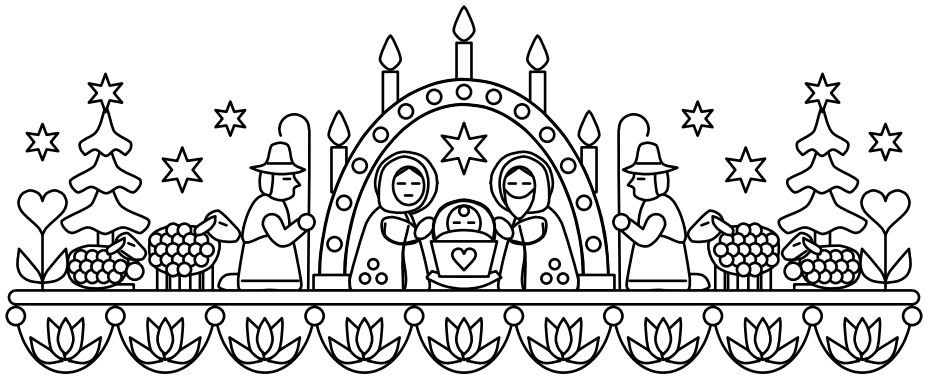
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25.4 mm

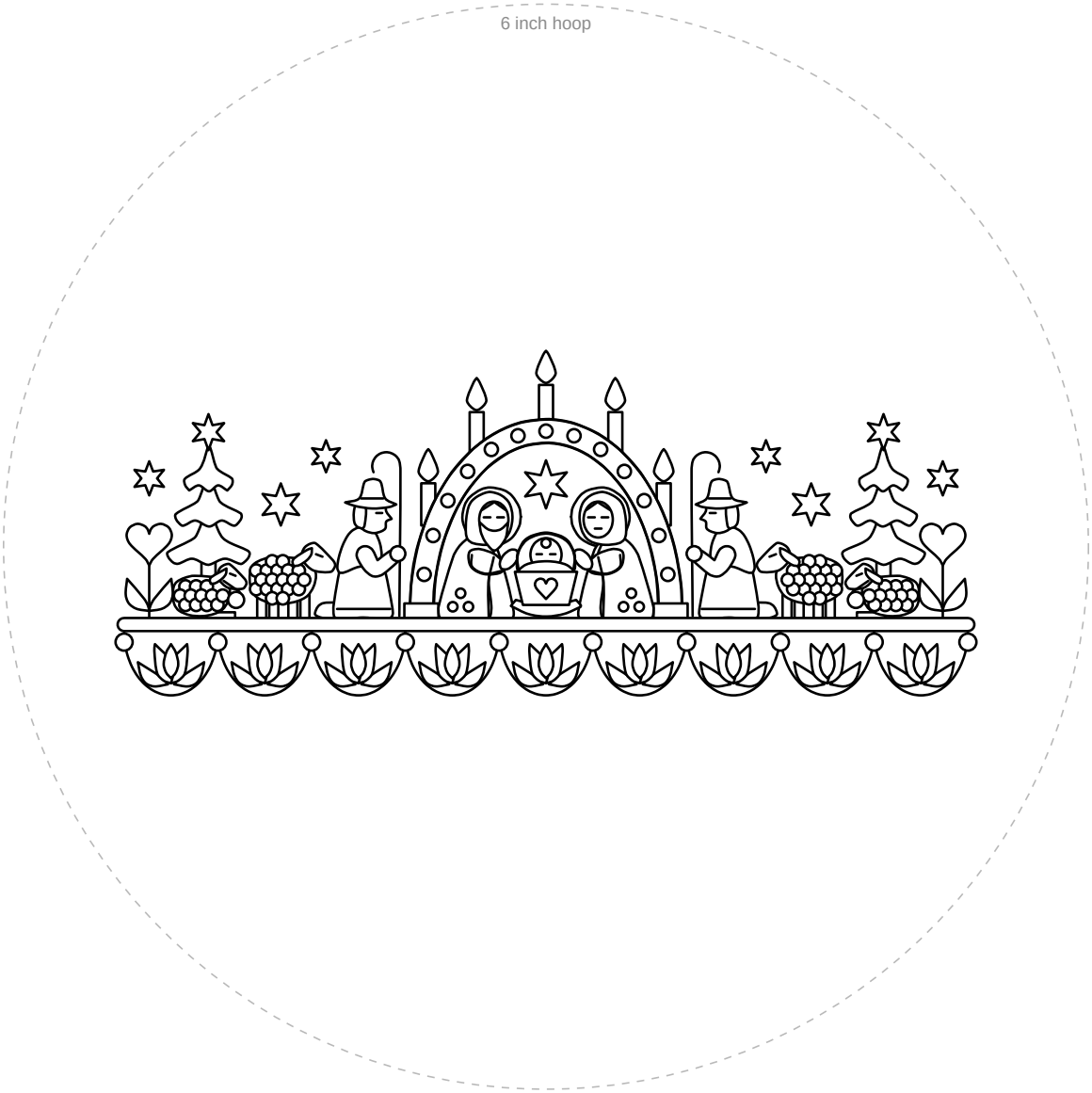
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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