Gift in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.1 × 4.3 in (10.4 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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**, 3 strands
   Holly twigs

2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Holly leaves, paper lid, paper end, paper front, bow tails, bow loops, bird tail, bird breast, bird cheek, bird cap, bird bib, bird wing



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon, letters, bird bill, bird eye



4. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Holly veins

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Paper folds, paper edges, ribbon edges, bow folds, lines of the bird tail, wing feathers, eye ring

6. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: berry highlights, eye highlight
   2 strands: bird feet



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



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 502 Blue Green	9	DMC 321 Red	17	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
2	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	10	DMC 498 Dark Red	18	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray
3	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	11	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	19	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
4	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	12	DMC 3865 Winter White	20	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
5	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	13	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	21	DMC 310 Black
6	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	14	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	22	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray
7	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	15	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue		
8	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	16	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue		

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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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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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