Gift in mistletoe

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4 in (10.7 × 10.2 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

9 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. **Blanket stitch**, 2 strands
   Tag rim
2. **Running stitch**, 1 strand
   Tag line
3. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Mistletoe stems
4. **Whipped back stitch**, 6 strands
   Twine, bow
5. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe leaves
6. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eyelet, berry shade
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Letter edges, berry edges
8. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the mistletoe leaves
9. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Twine ends
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Letters, berries, heart charm, knot
11. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
    Berry tips

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 347 Very Dark Salmon	**4**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**7**	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green
2	DMC 3865 Winter White	**5**	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	**8**	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green
3	DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green	**6**	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	**9**	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown

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6 inch hoop

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.



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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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