Gingerbread cottage with candy canes

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 3.2 in (10.7 × 8.1 cm)



A number is a row of the list.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 or 2 strands
   Gingerbread wall



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Roof tiles, gable boards, door, heart on the door, stripes of the candy canes, icing underfoot



3. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Window bars

4. **Stem stitch**, 2 or 3 strands
   Candy canes

5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Candies under the eaves



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

In a 6 inch hoop the widest satin stitch shape is 1/2 in (13 mm) across. Satin stitches longer than about 12 mm (just under 1/2 in) tend to work loose: divide the shape into sections, or work it in long and short stitch.

Floss

- **DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown**
  Gingerbread wall, gable boards and window bars
- **DMC 304 Medium Red**
  Candies under the eaves, door, candy canes and stripes of the candy canes
- **DMC B5200 Snow White**
  White roof tiles, heart on the door and icing underfoot
- **DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose**
  Pink roof tiles

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, 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.

Buy: one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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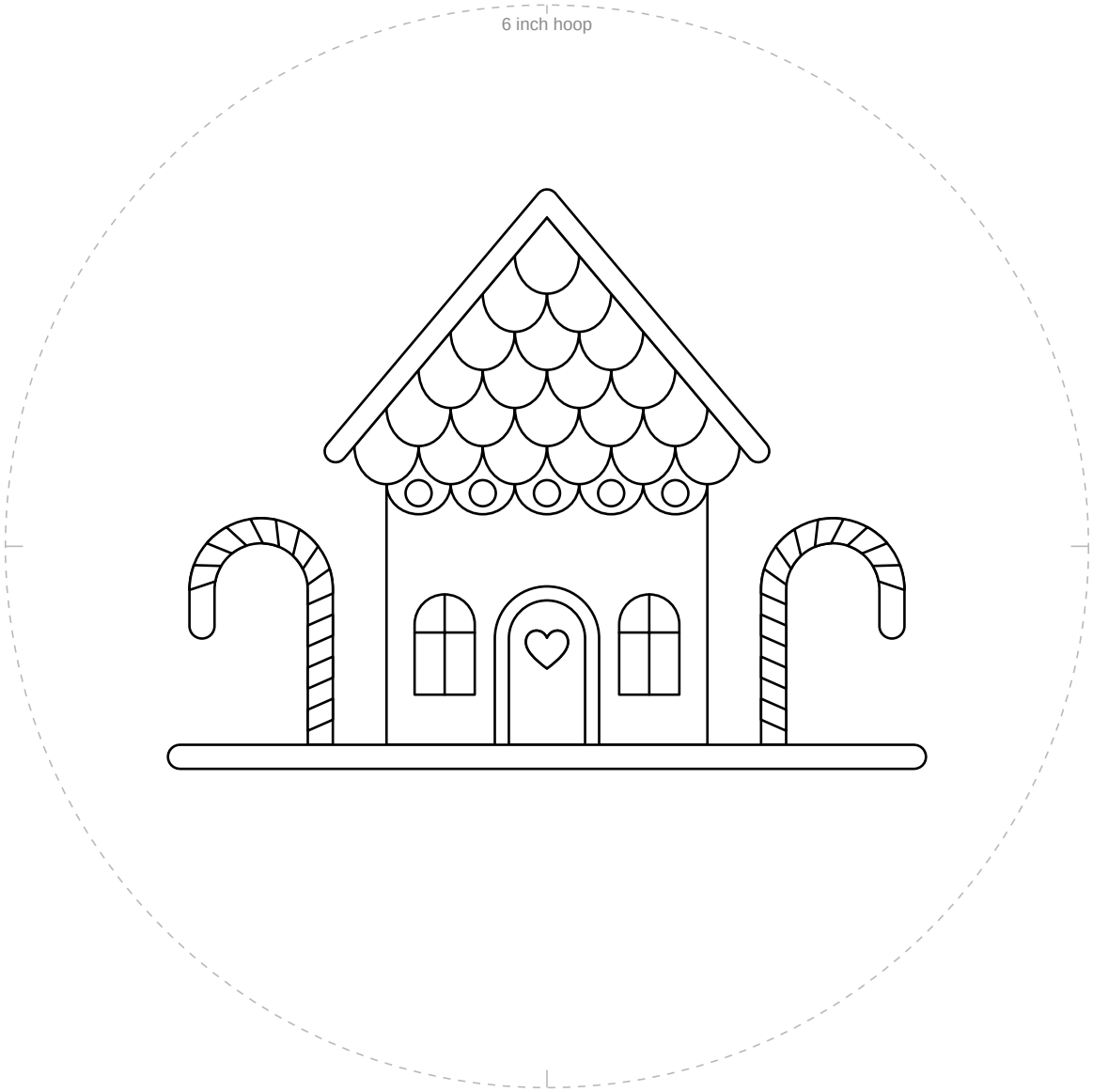
6 inch hoop

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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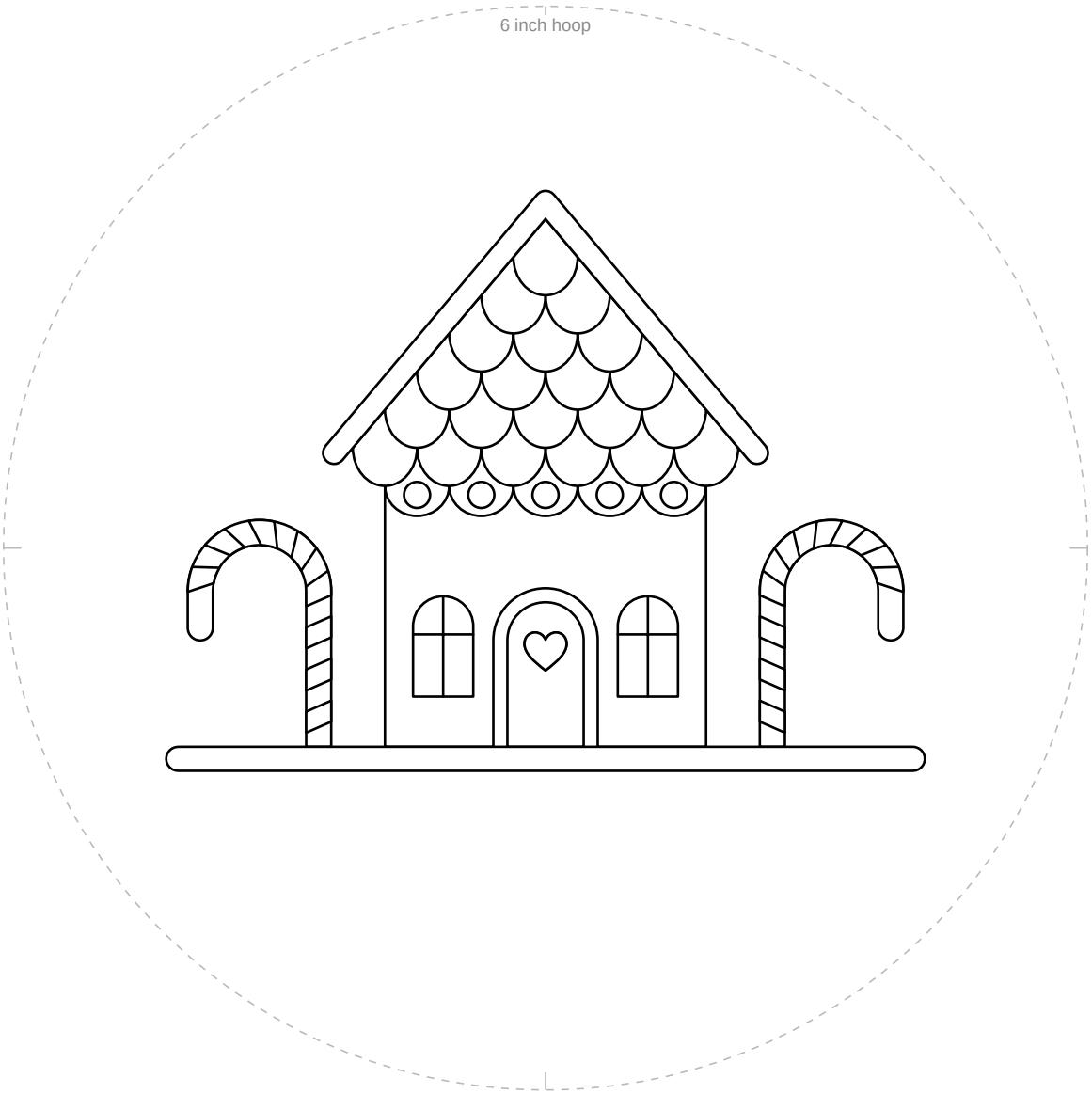
6 inch hoop

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



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