Gingerbread house

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.7 in (10.7 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark rust cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark rust cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

10 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Lace edge



2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Cake stand (color 2), walls, porch, door, sugar snow, mouse (colors 2 and 3)



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mouse tail, cake stand (color 4), lace eyelets, plate, chimney, smoke, roof tiles, peppermint, peppermint rim, candy posts, door icing, door heart, windows, window icing, icing, icing rosettes, doorstep, meringue trees, glass knob, mouse (colors 1 and 4), mouse feet, mouse ear



4. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the lace tiles



5. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: chimney bricks, door planks, mouse whiskers
   2 strands: window bars



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Doorstep edge, mouse edge

7. **Whipped back stitch**
   2 strands
   Glass dome (color 4)

8. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Glass dome (color 5), glass highlight

9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Icing, window icing, gumdrops



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: lace picots, knots of the lace tiles, gable pearls, door knob, knots of the icing rosettes
    3 strands: icing pearls
    1 strand: gumdrop sugar, mouse eye, mouse nose



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 738 Very Light Tan	**5**	DMC 437 Light Tan	**9**	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
2	DMC BLANC White	**6**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	**10**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	**7**	DMC 436 Tan		
4	DMC 712 Cream	**8**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown		

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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 ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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