Iced gingerbread man

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.1 in (11.2 × 10.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

13 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
   Gingerbread, thumb



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Bag frill, piping bag, nozzle, eyes, eye highlights, cheeks, mouth, tongue, bow



3. **Whipped back stitch**
   4 strands, color 2
   Cookie edge (color 2)

4. **Split stitch**, colors 2, 3, 8, 10, 12
   2 strands: chin, nozzle edge, button shadow, smile (color 12), bow edge
   3 strands: bag edge

5. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 12
   4 strands: cookie edge (color 2)
   3 strands: brows, smile (color 12)

6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 8, 10
   Lines of the nozzle, bow folds



7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 6, 7
   Piped icing, bag tie, icing buttons, bow, sugar stars



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 3776 Light Mahogany	**6**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**11**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
2	DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany	**7**	DMC 321 Red	**12**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
3	DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown	**8**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	**13**	DMC 352 Light Coral
4	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	**9**	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray		
5	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany	**10**	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray		

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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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