Iced gingerbread tree

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

15 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
   Moon, far trees, snow, cookie side, trunk, gingerbread tiers, cane shadows



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 12
   Window light, door, door light, biscuit rims, stepping biscuits, candy canes



3. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 3, 6
   2 strands: star rays, gumdrop sugar
   3 strands: window panes
   1 strand: door boards



4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 1
   Lines of the far tree icing

5. **Split stitch**, colors 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 15
   2 strands: moon edge, far tree edges, cookie edge, icing shadow, star edge, biscuit icing, candy cane edges
   3 strands: snow crest

6. **Whipped back stitch**
   colors 1, 12
   4 strands: window frame
   5 strands: door icing, house icing
   6 strands: hoop cord

7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14
   Icing garlands, icing cap, gumdrops, sugar star



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 1, 12
   Stars, knots of the far tree icing, door knob



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 3865 Winter White	6	DMC 400 Dark Mahogany	11	DMC 977 Light Golden Brown
2	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	7	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	12	DMC 321 Red
3	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	8	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	13	DMC 954 Nile Green
4	DMC 301 Medium Mahogany	9	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 912 Light Emerald Green
5	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	10	DMC 3776 Light Mahogany	15	DMC 815 Medium Garnet

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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 dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one 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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