Gnome with heart hat

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.7 × 4.6 in (9.4 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: blush pink cotton or linen.

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 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.

Buy: 24 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of blush pink cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Snow, trousers, boots, coat, sleeves, beard, stuffed heart, mittens, mustache, nose, hat, felt heart, knitted brim, holly leaves, robin tail, robin back, robin belly, robin breast, robin wing



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Boot tops, hem band, fleece trim, robin eye, robin bill, snowdrop leaves, snowdrop petals, snowdrop caps



3. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: snow edge, boot edges, hem edges, beard locks, heart edges, mitten edges, mustache edges, nose edge, hat folds, hat edges, robin wing edge, snowdrop edges
   2 strands: sleeve edges

4. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: boot soles
   2 strands: heart stitching (color 13), snowdrop stems
   1 strand: holly veins

5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: heart stitching (color 13), berry highlights, robin feet
   1 strand: robin eye highlight



6. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Knitted brim, berries



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Hem knots, knots of the fleece trim



8. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Pompom

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 321 Red	17	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
2	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	18	DMC 3822 Light Straw
3	DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl...	11	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	19	DMC 3778 Light Terra Cotta
4	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	12	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	20	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta
5	DMC 433 Medium Brown	13	DMC 712 Cream	21	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
6	DMC 3371 Black Brown	14	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	22	DMC 502 Blue Green
7	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	15	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray	23	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold
8	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	16	DMC 666 Bright Red	24	DMC 921 Copper

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



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