# Good cheer

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 3.9 in (10.9 × 9.9 cm)




Colors by number: page 2.

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

22 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.

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
   Holly leaves, leaf undersides, bronze leaves, twigs, bough, knot in the wood, tail, breast, crown and back, cheek, eyebrow, wing feathers, small wing feathers, shoulder, berries



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 12, 13, 15, 19
   Cut end, eye, mouth, bill, letters



3. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 11
   Cut end rings



4. **Straight stitch**
   colors 7, 8, 13, 15, 17, 18
   1 strand: tail bars, flank bars, wing bars, berry highlights
   2 strands: eye highlight, covert tips



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 4, 9, 10, 18
   Leaf veins, eye ring



6. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 14
   3 strands: legs
   2 strands: feet, berry stalks



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 12
   Berry eyes



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



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**6 inch hoop**

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.




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| 1 | DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green | 9 | DMC 977 Light Golden Brown | 17 | DMC 712 Cream |
| 2 | DMC 934 Black Avocado Green | 10 | DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green | 18 | DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan |
| 3 | DMC 3346 Hunter Green | 11 | DMC 433 Medium Brown | 19 | DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange |
| 4 | DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green | 12 | DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown | 20 | DMC 321 Red |
| 5 | DMC 3364 Pine Green | 13 | DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown | 21 | DMC 814 Dark Garnet |
| 6 | DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green | 14 | DMC 435 Very Light Brown | 22 | DMC 970 Light Pumpkin |
| 7 | DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany | 15 | DMC 437 Light Tan | | |
| 8 | DMC 975 Dark Golden Brown | 16 | DMC 3826 Golden Brown | | |



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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; 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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**6 inch hoop**

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




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