Happy holidays

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.7 in (11.7 × 11.9 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.

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

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. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: twig ring
   2 strands: fir stems, bare twigs, eucalyptus stems

2. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Fir needles



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Ribbon tails, bow loops, bow knot



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Eucalyptus leaves, orange rind, orange pith, orange segments, holly leaves, pine cone, cone scales, loop insides, lettering



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: holly edges, holly veins, cone edges, berry edges, bow folds
   2 strands: loop edges

6. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Berry highlights



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: twig buds, orange hearts
   1 strand: berry eyes
   3 strands: juniper berries



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 801 Dark Coffee Brown	9	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	17	DMC 666 Bright Red
2	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	10	DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold	18	DMC 498 Dark Red
3	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	11	DMC 742 Light Tangerine	19	DMC 321 Red
4	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	12	DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	20	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
5	DMC 502 Blue Green	13	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green	21	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
6	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	14	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	22	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
7	DMC 3364 Pine Green	15	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green		
8	DMC 921 Copper	16	DMC 437 Light Tan		

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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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