Happy New Year with a midnight clock

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 5 in (12.2 × 12.7 cm)



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

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Clock face



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Aqua streamers, rose streamers, gold stars, lilac dots, sparkling wine, glass stems, glass feet, clock rim, clock hands, clock hub, words



3. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: wine top, clock rim lines
   3 strands: lines of the clock hands

4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: clock marks
   3 strands: spark



5. **Split stitch**
   3 strands: glass edges
   1 strand: edges of the words

6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Bubbles, clock beads



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.

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 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.

Buy: 13 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of black cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 3847 Dark Teal Green	**6**	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	**11**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
2	DMC 3849 Light Teal Green	**7**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**12**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3350 Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	**8**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**13**	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
4	DMC 3733 Dusty Rose	**9**	DMC 3865 Winter White		
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**10**	DMC 712 Cream		

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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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