Helicopter bringing the Christmas tree

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.1 × 4.7 in (10.4 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 2 strands
   Snowbanks, helicopter body
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Cabin chimney, cabin walls, cabin door, lit window, snowy roof, rotor mast, tail fin, windscreen, ribbed collar, ribbed cuff, headlight, and 8 more
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Snow edges
4. **Chain stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Snow bands, chimney smoke, sweater chain bands, chain ring, cap band
5. **Back stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
   Window frame

Floss

- **1 DMC B5200 Snow White**
  Snowbanks, snowflakes and snowy roof, chain ring (lighter) and 9 more parts
- **2 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Rotor blades, snow edges, windscreen, snow bands, skids, rotor mast and tail rotor
- **3 DMC 321 Red**
  Helicopter body (lighter), chain ring (darker), cabin walls and 4 more parts
- **4 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Helicopter outline, tail fin and cabin door, helicopter body (darker) and 3 more parts
- **5 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Ornament cap, sequin rings, lit window, rotor hub and hanging loop and 2 more parts
- **6 DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green** Fir boughs
- **7 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green**
  Fly stitch needles

Stitches, continued

6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Window frame, windscreen lights, collar ribs, sweater stars, fly stitch needles, snowflakes
7. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Skids, helicopter outline
8. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Herringbone band
9. **Couching**, strands by part on page 2
   Gold line, hanging loop
10. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
    Fly stitch needles, snowflakes
11. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Snow band knots, lit window, bead knots, snowflakes

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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2	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	**5**	DMC 3820 Dark Straw		
3	DMC 321 Red	**6**	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green		

How many strands

Chain stitch. 4 strands: chain ring; 2 strands: chimney smoke, sweater chain bands, cap band; 1 strand: snow bands.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: snowflakes; 2 strands: windscreen lights, sweater stars; 1 strand: window frame, collar ribs, fly stitch needles.
Stem stitch. 3 or 4 strands: skids; 1 strand: helicopter outline.
Couching. 6 strands: hanging loop; 4 strands: gold line.
French knot. 2 strands: bead knots, snowflakes; 1 strand: snow band knots, lit window.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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