Hello January with a line of mittens

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.9 in (11.7 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: teal 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 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: 18 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 teal cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Twigs (color 3)
2. **Whipped back stitch**, 4 strands
   Cord (colors 6 and 7)
3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the mittens
4. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: twigs (color 3), bracket
   2 strands: mitten edges (colors 11 and 15)
5. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: post, tree (color 3)
   1 strand: snow, robin, robin breast
6. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Basket
7. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snow on the post, tree (color 3), snow on the tree, knothole, berries, lantern glass, lantern flame, lantern, snow on the lantern, fir shadows, basket shadow, bobble hat, hat stripe, basket rim, scarf, scarf stripes, thumbs, cuffs, pegs, mittens, mitten hearts, robin tail, robin belly, robin wing, bill, eye, words
8. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Edges of the lantern, snow edges (color 9), basket edges (color 4)
9. **Fly stitch**, 4 strands
   Fir trees
10. **Straight stitch**
    2 strands: snowflakes, scarf fringe, feet
    1 strand: berry highlights, cuff ribs, peg lines, wing bars, eye highlight
    4 strands: fir trunks, snow on the firs, cord (color 6)
11. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
    Post grain, bark, snow edges (color 11), hat edge, basket edges (color 4), scarf edges, mitten edges (colors 11, 15 and 16), wing edges, edges of the words
12. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Moon
13. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Falling snow, pompon

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 3821 Straw	7	DMC 712 Cream	13	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
2	DMC BLANC White	8	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice	14	DMC 3755 Baby Blue
3	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	9	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	15	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	10	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	16	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
5	DMC 437 Light Tan	11	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	17	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange
6	DMC 321 Red	12	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	18	DMC 3371 Black Brown

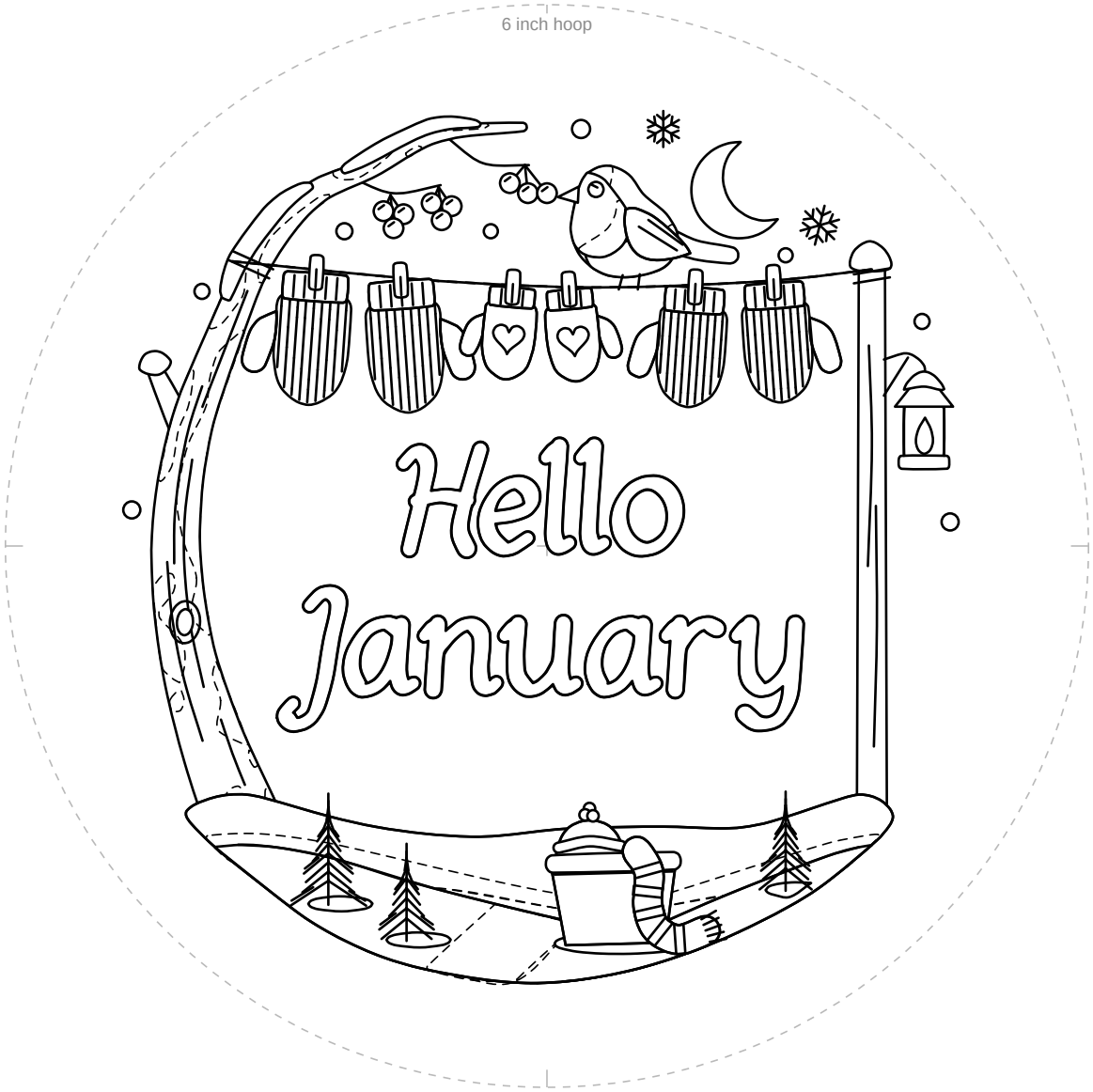
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one 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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