Holly bow wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.8 in (11.2 × 12.2 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**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
   1 strand: branches
   2 strands: back leaves, leaves, variegated leaves (colors 6, 8 and 10)



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Variegated leaves (colors 12 and 13), ribbon tails, ribbon loops, ribbon knot



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 5, 9, 11, 15
   2 strands: leaf ribs
   1 strand: ribbon folds

4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 6, 10, 15, 22
   Leaf edges, ribbon edges

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 12
   Berry highlights



6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 14, 15, 16, 17
   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 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	9	DMC 471 Very Light Avocado Green	17	DMC 321 Red
2	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	10	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	18	DMC 304 Medium Red
3	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	11	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	19	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	12	DMC 746 Off White	20	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
5	DMC 502 Blue Green	13	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold	21	DMC 3832 Medium Raspberry
6	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	14	DMC 666 Bright Red	22	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
7	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	15	DMC 814 Dark Garnet		
8	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	16	DMC 498 Dark Red		

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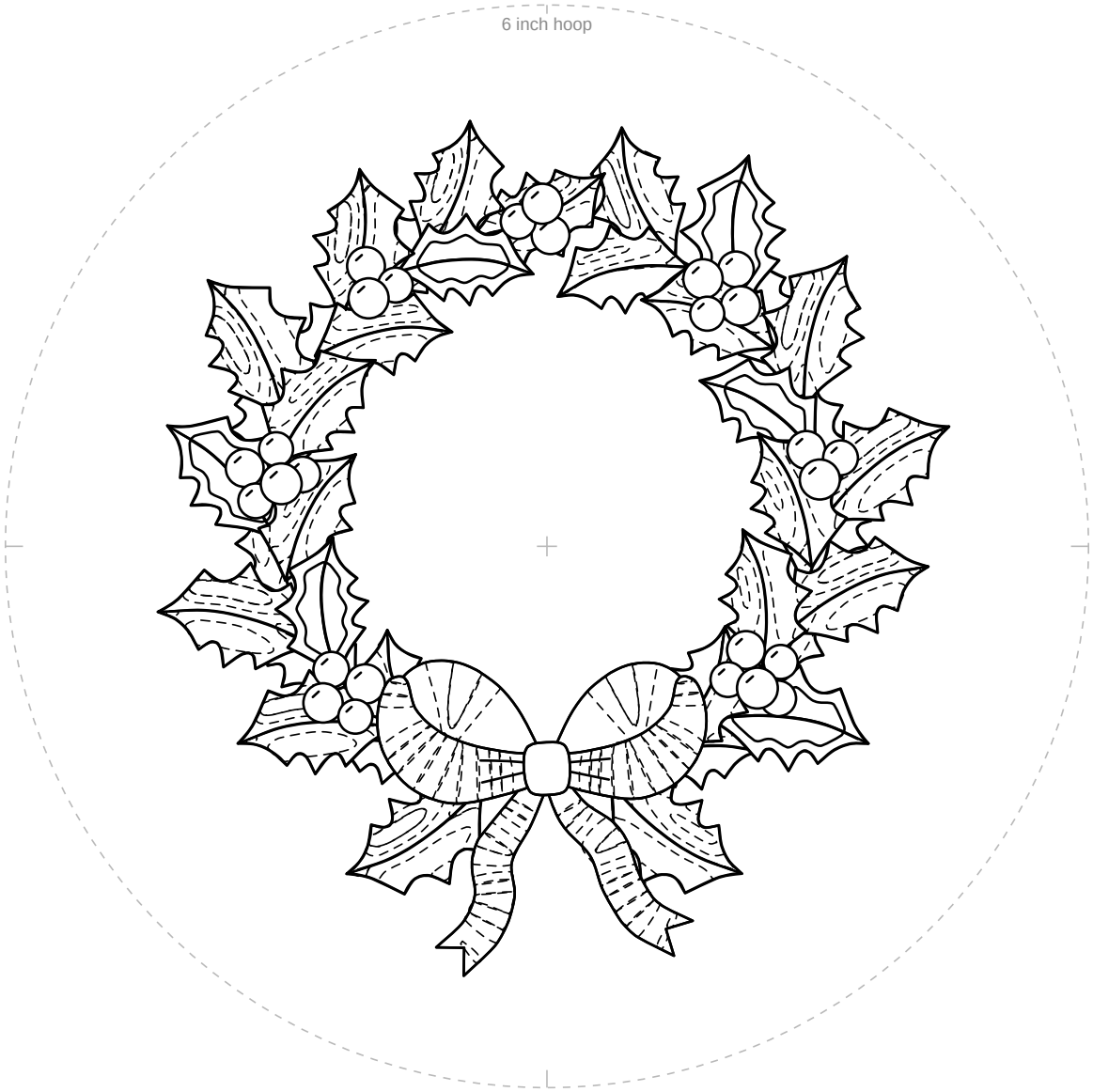
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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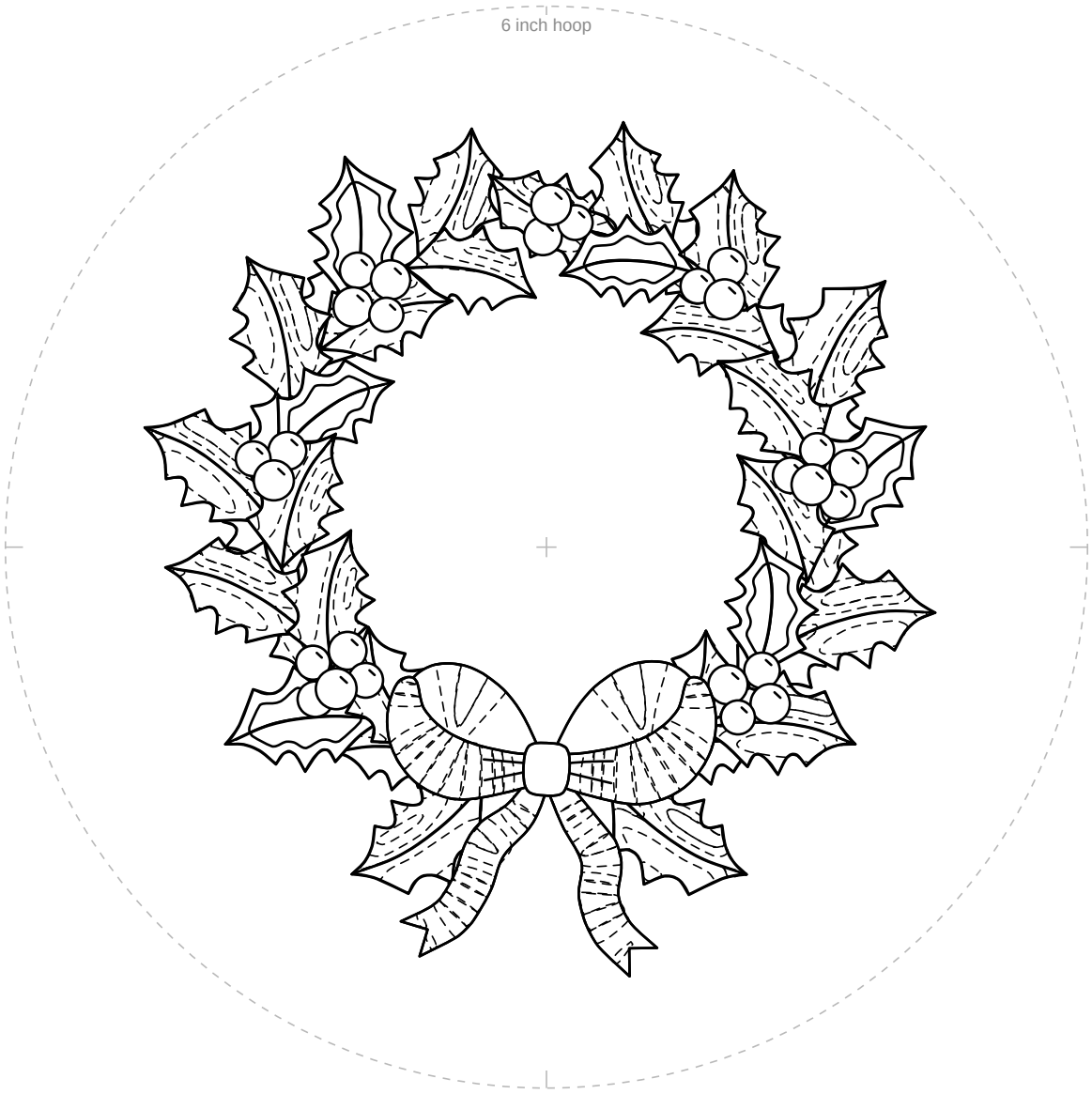
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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