Holly

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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 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**, 2 strands
   Berry stalks
2. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Wren legs
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Stems, cut ends, leaves (colors 2 and 9), letter h, first letter l, last letter l, wren bill, wren eye
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaves (colors 1 and 7), letter o, letter y, wren tail, wren, wren wing
5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: stem highlights, tendrils, leaf edges, leaf ribs, wren brow
   1 strand: stem shadows
   3 strands: leaf stalks, letter edges
6. **Trellis stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the leaves, lines of the letter h
7. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the first letter l
8. **Herringbone stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the letter y
9. **Straight stitch**
   1 strand: berry highlights
   2 strands: wren bars (color 20), wren eye highlight
10. **Split stitch**
    1 strand: wren edges
    2 strands: wren bars (color 20)
11. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
    Loops of the flower in the o
12. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Berries
13. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: berry eyes
    2 strands: knots of the flower in the o, knots of the last letter l

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 3346 Hunter Green	8	DMC 336 Navy Blue	15	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 3364 Pine Green	9	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	16	DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta
3	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	10	DMC 321 Red	17	DMC 782 Dark Topaz
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	11	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	18	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
5	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	12	DMC 351 Coral	19	DMC 433 Medium Brown
6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue	20	DMC 3371 Black Brown
7	DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue	14	DMC 712 Cream	21	DMC 738 Very Light Tan

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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 loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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