# Christmas bauble with holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.9 in (9.9 × 12.4 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.

24 colors of floss (page 2): 2 skeins of DMC 3752; one of each other 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**, 3 strands
   Hanging cord



2. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: glass ball, window light, winter sky, snow on the twig
   1 strand: twig (color 10), tail, belly, back, head, gray border, breast, flight feathers, small wing feathers, shoulder



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Twig (color 9), eye ring, eye, bill, holly leaves, holly flowers, hanging ring, silver cap, cap frill, ribbon tails, inside of the bow, bow



4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Feet, berry highlights



5. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: legs, leaf veins, berry stems
   3 strands: holly stem



6. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: ball edge
   1 strand: feather edges, leaf edges



7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Cap bands



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, bow knot



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: eye highlight, berry tips
   2 strands: snowflakes, flower centers



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.



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| 1 | DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue | 9 | DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown | 17 | DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green |
| 2 | DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray | 10 | DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown | 18 | DMC 987 Dark Forest Green |
| 3 | DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray | 11 | DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown | 19 | DMC 989 Forest Green |
| 4 | DMC 318 Light Steel Gray | 12 | DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown | 20 | DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green |
| 5 | DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray | 13 | DMC 922 Light Copper | 21 | DMC 321 Red |
| 6 | DMC BLANC White | 14 | DMC 919 Red Copper | 22 | DMC 815 Medium Garnet |
| 7 | DMC 775 Very Light Baby Blue | 15 | DMC 921 Copper | 23 | DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon |
| 8 | DMC 932 Light Antique Blue | 16 | DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green | 24 | DMC 498 Dark Red |



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**6 inch hoop**

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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