Home for Christmas, poinsettias

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.8 in (12.4 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries, young bracts, gold hearts



2. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: leaf edges, bract edges
   1 strand: red veins

3. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: leaf hatching
   1 strand: leaf veins (color 1), edges of the berries, bract patterns

4. **Stem stitch**
   4 strands: stems
   1 strand: leaf veins (color 1)
   3 strands: lines of the words

5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the gold hearts, knots of the words



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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 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.

Buy: 5 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 310; one of each other 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 white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 310 Black
2 DMC 321 Red
3 DMC 304 Medium Red
4 DMC 783 Medium Topaz
5 DMC 3820 Dark Straw

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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



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