Hugs in mistletoe

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

13 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**
   1 strand, colors 10, 11, 12, 13
   Bow (color 12)



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13
   Mistletoe leaves, twigs, bow (color 10), bow lining, words



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 3, 6, 11
   1 strand: leaf veins
   2 strands: edges of the twigs, bow edge (color 11)

4. **Split stitch**, colors 2, 11, 13
   1 strand: berry edges, bow edge (color 11)
   2 strands: edges of the words

5. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Berries, bow



6. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 3
   Berry dots



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 523 Light Fern Green	**6**	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green	**11**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
2	DMC 522 Fern Green	**7**	DMC BLANC White	**12**	DMC 321 Red
3	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	**8**	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	**13**	DMC 498 Dark Red
4	DMC 3013 Light Khaki Green	**9**	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green		
5	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	**10**	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon		

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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.



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

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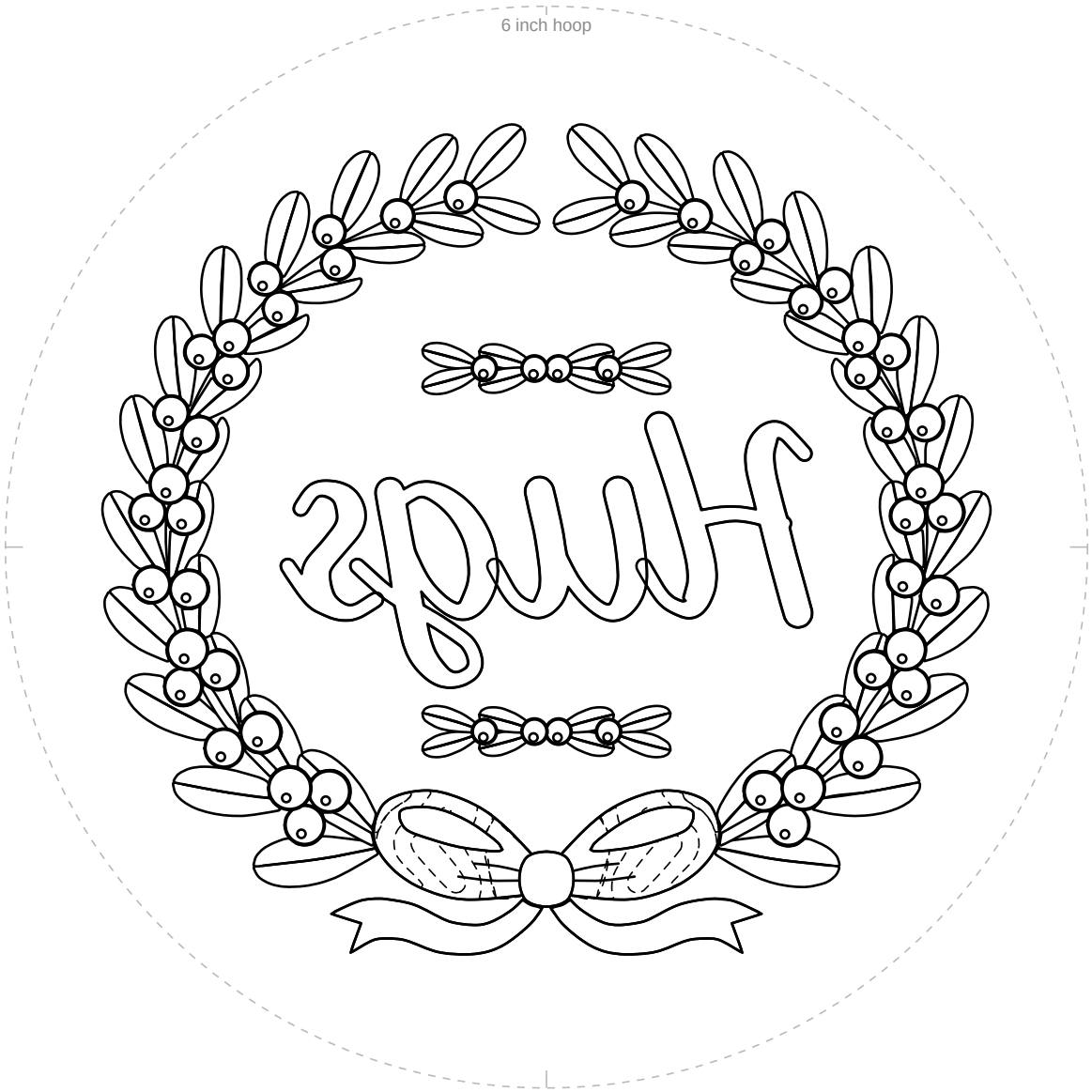
6 inch hoop

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



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