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6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.2 in (12.2 × 10.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

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**, 3 strands
   Holly stems

2. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Loose wool



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Tail, tail tip, body, haunch, white paws, bib, foreleg, ball of wool, ears, inner ears, head, muzzle, eyes



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Holly leaves, eye rims, pupils, eye highlights, nose, lettering



5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry highlights, edges of the eye highlights



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Paw edges

7. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: holly veins, whiskers
   2 strands: toe lines, mouth
   5 strands: wool strands

8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   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 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	8	DMC 310 Black	15	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
2	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	9	DMC 413 Dark Pewter Gray	16	DMC 3726 Dark Antique Mauve
3	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green	10	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	17	DMC 778 Very Light Antique Mauve
4	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	11	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	18	DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green
5	DMC 321 Red	12	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray	19	DMC 580 Dark Moss Green
6	DMC 3865 Winter White	13	DMC 498 Dark Red	20	DMC 3819 Light Moss Green
7	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	14	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	21	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon

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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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25.4 mm

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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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