January

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.7 in (11.9 × 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.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands.

23 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16
   Sky, far hills, near hills, far snow, middle snow, chimney smoke, snowy roof, elm trunks, and 6 more



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 7, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23
   Sun, cart tracks, farmhouse, chimney, snowy roof, lit window, door, fence posts, holly leaves, and 3 more



3. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 20, 21
   Berries



4. **Straight stitch**
   colors 7, 13, 14, 15
   4 strands: hare's prints
   3 strands: post caps
   1 strand: window bars, lamplight, elm twigs, dry grasses



5. **Stem stitch**, colors 14, 15
   3 strands: border
   2 or 3 strands: elm limbs
   1 strand: dry grasses

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 14
   Elm branches, fence rails

7. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 16, 18
   Holly veins

8. **French knot**
   two wraps, colors 15, 20, 21
   2 strands: berries
   1 strand: hare's prints



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany	9	DMC 161 Gray Blue	17	DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green
2	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet	18	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
3	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	11	DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet	19	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green
4	DMC 3743 Very Light Antique Violet	12	DMC 341 Light Blue Violet	20	DMC 321 Red
5	DMC 225 Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	13	DMC 3865 Winter White	21	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	14	DMC 779 Dark Cocoa	22	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue
7	DMC 743 Medium Yellow	15	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	23	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
8	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	16	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green		

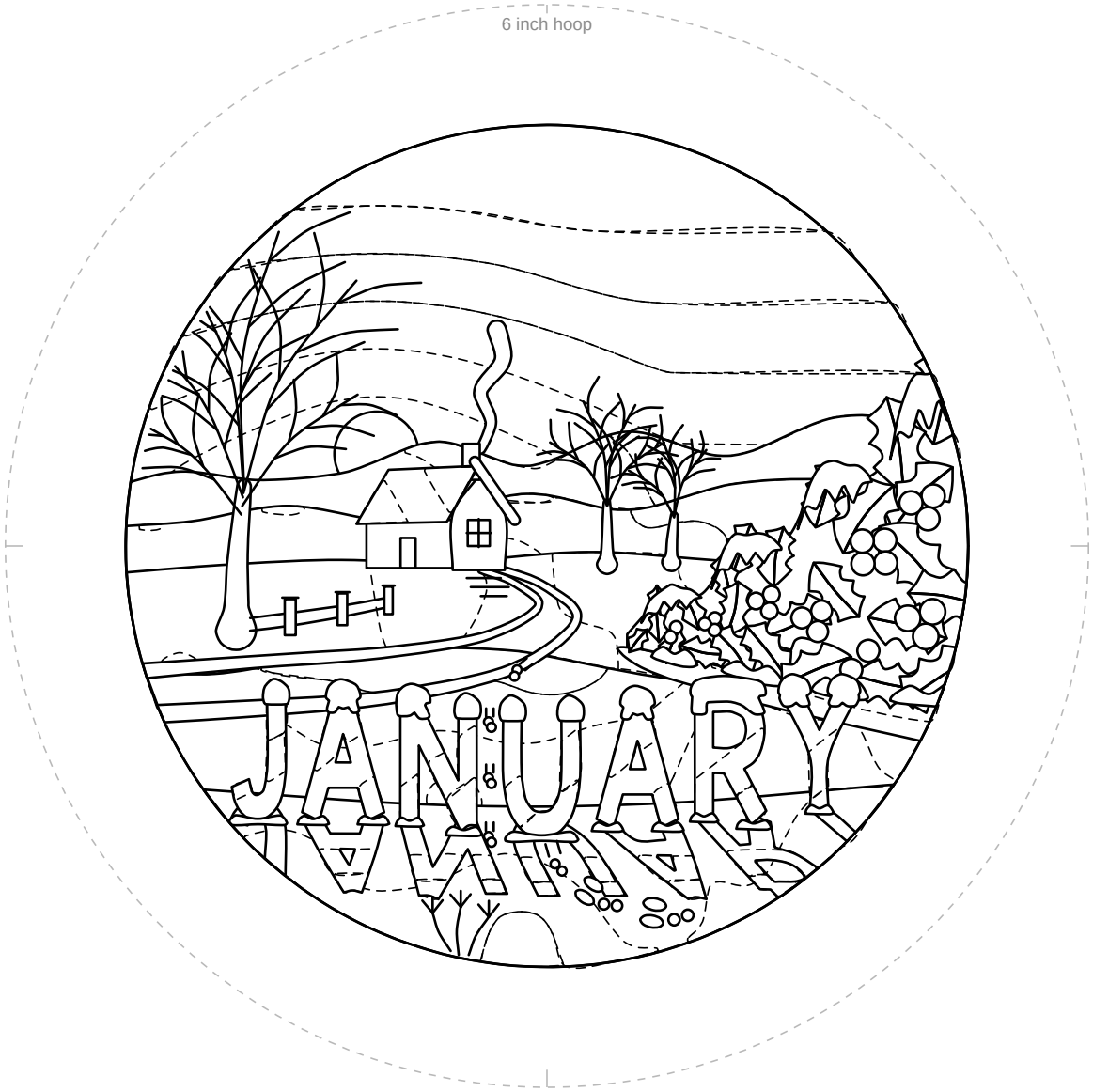
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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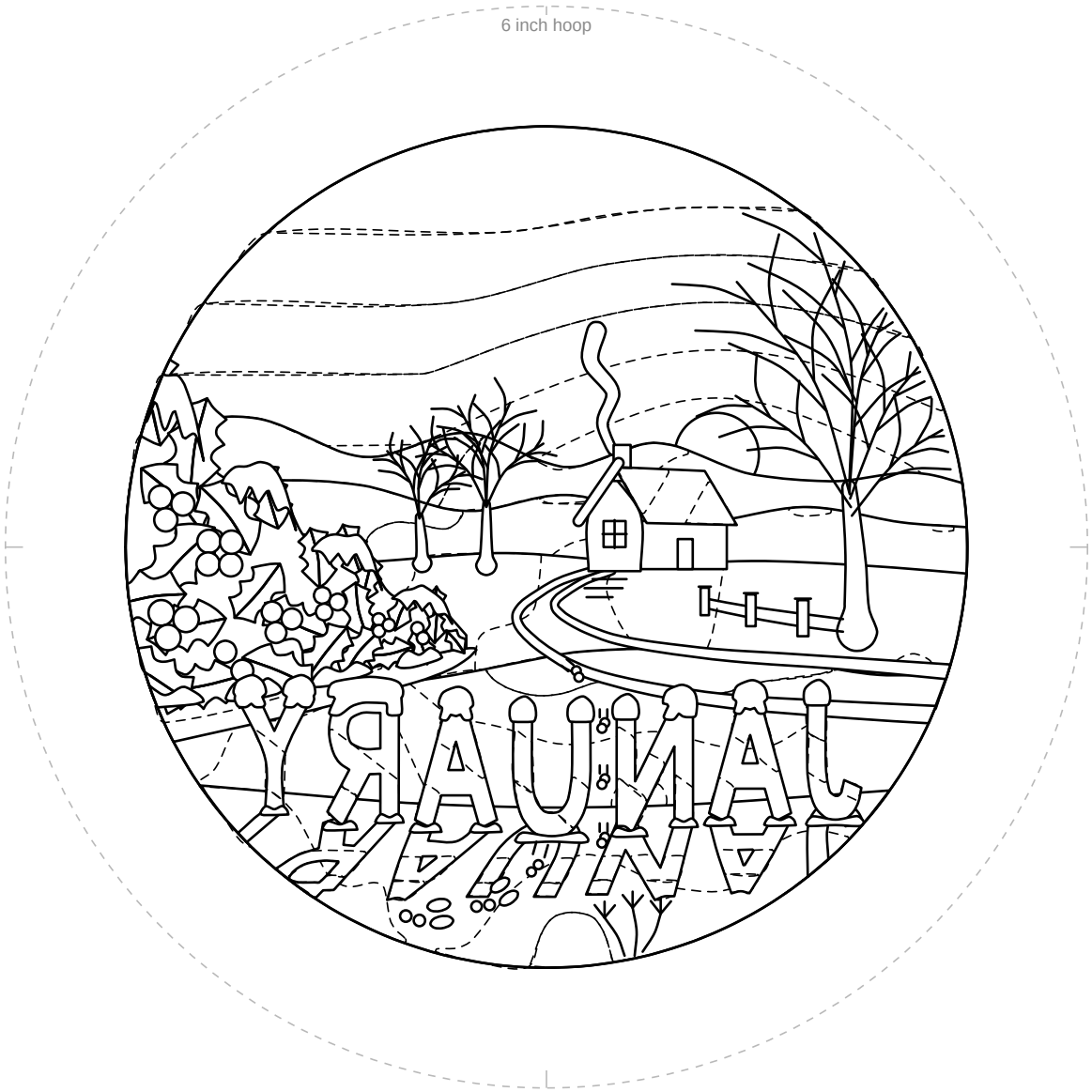
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