Jesse tree with Advent symbols

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



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: indigo cotton or linen.

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 that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 16 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each 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 indigo cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Stump
2. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Apple stem
3. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: hanging threads
   1 strand: harp strings
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Apple
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Branches, limbs, shoot, stump face, star, crown, crown band, crown jewels, apple highlight, ladder, ladder rungs, lamb legs, lamb tail, lamb fleece, lamb face, lamb ear, harp, coat, coat sash, tablets, ark house, ark roof, ark door, ark windows, ark hull, manger legs, straw, manger, manger posts
6. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves, apple leaf
7. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Gold line
8. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: stump rings (colors 3 and 4), ladder edges, lamb edges, harp edge
   2 strands: crown edge, apple edge, coat edge, tablet edges, ark edges, manger edges (color 5)
9. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Ark planks, manger edges (color 5)
10. **Straight stitch**
    1 strand: stump rings (color 4)
    3 strands: lamb hooves
    2 strands: lines of the straw
11. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: crown pearls, knots of the lamb fleece, knots of the harp
    1 strand: lamb eye

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 3347 Medium Yellow Green	7	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
2	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	8	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	14	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
3	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	9	DMC 3822 Light Straw	15	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray
4	DMC 433 Medium Brown	10	DMC 321 Red	16	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
5	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	11	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise		
6	DMC 437 Light Tan	12	DMC 3865 Winter White		

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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