# Jingle in holly

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




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

## What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

10 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

## 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.

## 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: boughs
   2 strands: lines of the words



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Holly leaves, peaks, diamonds, star, words



3. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Ring



4. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Band lines



6. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry highlights



7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots



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.




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| **1** | DMC 3865 Winter White | **5** | DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green | **9** | DMC 321 Red |
| **2** | DMC 3364 Pine Green | **6** | DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green | **10** | DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Bl... |
| **3** | DMC 502 Blue Green | **7** | DMC 350 Medium Coral | | |
| **4** | DMC 503 Medium Blue Green | **8** | DMC 498 Dark Red | | |



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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.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

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


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