Jingle in mistletoe

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.4 in (12.2 × 11.2 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

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

14 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**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe stems

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Bells, far legs, pony, saddle



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon, bell loops, corner hearts, bow, bow folds, tail, hooves, leg bands, ears, girth, saddle heart, mane, breast strap, crupper, eye, letters, letter hearts, half rounds, hem hearts



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe leaves



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Ribbon edges, bell bands, bridle, reins

6. **Straight stitch**
   4 strands: lines of the bell slots
   3 strands: bell highlights
   2 strands: nostril



7. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Leg folds

8. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Saddle edge, hem line



9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe berries



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: berry eyes
    2 strands: knots of the bell slots, corner dots, knots of the breast strap, knots of the crupper, bit ring, knots of the eye, letter dots, hem dots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger 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 471 Very Light Avocado Green	**6**	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	**11**	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue
2	DMC 987 Dark Forest Green	**7**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**12**	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
3	DMC 3865 Winter White	**8**	DMC 744 Pale Yellow	**13**	DMC 666 Bright Red
4	DMC 321 Red	**9**	DMC 310 Black	**14**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
5	DMC 3821 Straw	**10**	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue		

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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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