Jolly with a skating couple

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.5 × 3.5 in (8.9 × 8.9 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.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

12 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**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe stems, far shore
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe leaves
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Snowbank, her skirt, her jacket, coat tails, his coat, his hair, his cap, her hair
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe berries, windmill towers, windmill caps, letters, boots, his sleeve, mittens, her sleeve, his breeches, belt, hand, ears, scarf, headband, braid, braid bow
5. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Outer frame
6. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: inner frame
   2 strands: windmill sails, skate trails, snowbank edge, skate blades
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Sail bars (color 5)
8. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: windmill doors, scarf fringe, scarf stripes, braid end
   1 strand: sail bars (color 5)
9. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
   Birds
10. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
    Berry rings, skirt folds, coat edges
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Fur trim, coat buttons, headband dots, knots of the braid bow
12. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
    Tassel

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 820 Very Dark Royal Blue	5	DMC 798 Dark Delft Blue	9	DMC 433 Medium Brown
2	DMC 797 Royal Blue	6	DMC 775 Very Light Baby Blue	10	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
3	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	7	DMC 3325 Light Baby Blue	11	DMC 415 Pearl Gray
4	DMC 3865 Winter White	8	DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray	12	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray

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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%.

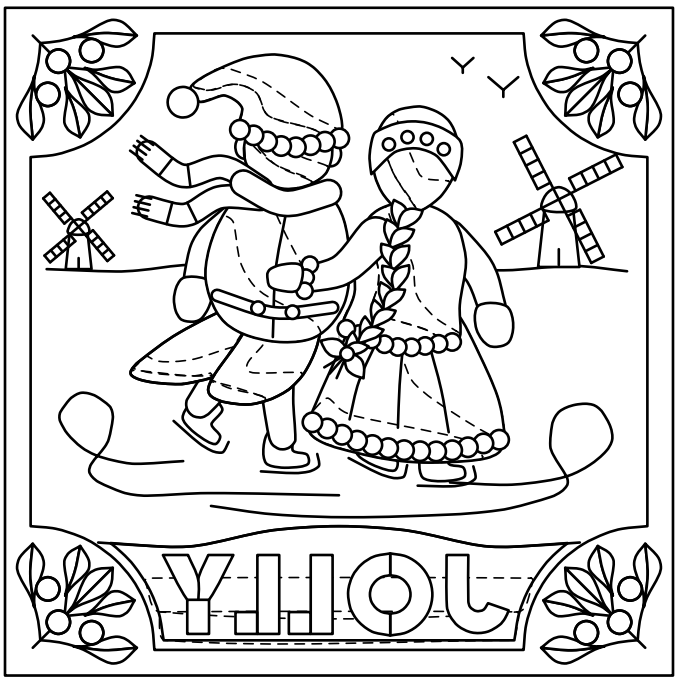
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