Joy in mistletoe

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.9 in (12.2 × 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.

18 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. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: fir needles
   2 strands: rays



2. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Fir twigs, lantern hook, mistletoe stems

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



4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Lantern, lantern light, candle, flame, fir cones, berries, words



5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Edges of the flame

6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Lantern seams

7. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the mistletoe leaves

8. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the stars



9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Berry eyes, knots of the stars



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.



1	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	**7**	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**13**	DMC 437 Light Tan
2	DMC 3816 Celadon Green	**8**	DMC 3078 Very Light Golden Yellow	**14**	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green
3	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**9**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**15**	DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green
4	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**10**	DMC 415 Pearl Gray	**16**	DMC 3053 Green Gray
5	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**11**	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	**17**	DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green
6	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**12**	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	**18**	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl 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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