Krampus with bells and birch switches

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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 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.

Buy: 16 colors of floss (page 2), 3 skeins of DMC 3371; one of each other 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 white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Birch twigs
2. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Basket (color 3)
3. **Long and short stitch**
   2 strands: shoulder fur, mane, beard, brows, cheek fur, forelock
   1 strand: horns, ears, face, snout, nose, eye hollows
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Basket (color 2), birch rods, ribbon, strap, bell slots, inner ears, mouth, teeth, nostrils, fangs, lower lip, tongue, eyes, pupils
5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: rod edges, ribbon edges, fang edges
   2 strands: horn ridges, snout lines, cheek lines
6. **Whipped back stitch**, 4 strands
   Basket rim
7. **Running stitch**, 1 strand
   Strap stitching
8. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the shoulder fur, bell loops, lines of the mane, lines of the beard, edges of the brows, lines of the cheek fur, lines of the forelock
9. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: falling snow, bark marks, fur ends, bell highlights, eye highlights, snowflake on his nose
   1 strand: teeth lines
10. **Stem stitch**
    2 strands: basket edge, strap edges, bell edges, bell bands, horn edges, ear edges, nose edge, tongue edge, eye edges
    3 strands: grin
    1 strand: nostril lights, lip edges
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Bells

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 931 Medium Antique Blue	7	DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown	13	DMC 3822 Light Straw
2	DMC 3371 Black Brown	8	DMC 321 Red	14	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
3	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	9	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	15	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
4	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	10	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	16	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	11	DMC 317 Pewter Gray		
6	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	12	DMC 318 Light Steel Gray		

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6 inch hoop

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 broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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