Large snowman for Christmas

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 3.9 × 4.7 in (9.9 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: denim blue cotton or linen.

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 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.

Buy: 16 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each 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 denim blue cotton or linen, a white pencil.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Twig arms, snow, snow drift, carrot, hat, hat brim, wren tail, wren breast, wren back, wren wing, wren head



2. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Scarf, scarf knot



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Coal buttons, coal eyes, eye highlights, hat band, hat berries, wren bill, wren eye, wreath berries, wreath bow



4. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Hat sprig



5. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: edges of the twig arms, edges of the wren tail, wren wing edges
   2 strands: edges of the scarf knot

6. **Back stitch**, 3 strands
   Plaid lines (colors 10 and 12)

7. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: grasses
   2 strands: brows, wren feet (color 2)
   3 strands: wreath (color 12)

8. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: plaid lines (colors 10 and 12), wreath (colors 12 and 16)
   2 strands: grass heads, coal lights, wren brow, wren eye stripe, wren feet (color 2), wreath bow folds
   1 strand: carrot creases, berry highlights, wren bars
   4 strands: scarf fringe



9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: coal mouth
   1 strand: wren eye highlight



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 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**7**	DMC 159 Light Gray Blue	**13**	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin
2	DMC 310 Black	**8**	DMC 27 White Violet	**14**	DMC 920 Medium Copper
3	DMC 434 Light Brown	**9**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**15**	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 437 Light Tan	**10**	DMC 712 Cream	**16**	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
5	DMC 161 Gray Blue	**11**	DMC 321 Red		
6	DMC 160 Medium Gray Blue	**12**	DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green		

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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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