Christmas ghost bauble, Merry Boo

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.6 in (11.7 × 11.7 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Star, bat, little firs, light bulbs, eyes, cheeks, mouth, tongue, hat fur, glass shine, gold cap, bow, berries, letters
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Snow, ghost, hat, bow
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Branches, light string, wire loop
4. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Fir needles, berry light
5. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Hanging threads
6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Star, bat, ghost, folds, hat, gold cap, bow
7. **Whipped back stitch**, 2 strands
   Glass

Floss

- **1 DMC 782 Dark Topaz**
  Branches, gold cap and star (dark)
- **2 DMC 986 Very Dark Forest Green**
  Fir needles (dark)
- **3 DMC 988 Medium Forest Green**
  Fir needles (middle), light string, little firs (darker)
- **4 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green**
  Fir needles (light), little firs (lighter)
- **5 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Letters, hanging threads and wire loop, star and gold cap (light), bat (lighter)
- **6 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Bat (darker), light bulbs (light), star and gold cap (middle)
- **7 DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue**
  Snow and ghost (darkest)
- **8 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Glass (darker), ghost and snow (dark), folds
- **9 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Ghost and snow (light), hat fur (darker), glass (lighter), glass shine
- **10 DMC BLANC White**
  Ghost and snow (lightest), hat fur (lighter), snowflakes, berry light and eye lights
- **11 DMC 321 Red**
  Hat, bow and berries (middle), light bulbs (dark)
- **12 DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise** Light bulbs (middle)
- **13 DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue** Eyes
- **14 DMC 3708 Light Melon** Cheeks and tongue
- **15 DMC 815 Medium Garnet**
  Bow, hat and berries (dark), mouth
- **16 DMC 350 Medium Coral**
  Bow, hat and berries (light)

Stitches, continued

8. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Eye lights, hat fur, snowflakes

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A dashed line is whipped back stitch. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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4	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	10	DMC BLANC White	16	DMC 350 Medium Coral
5	DMC 3822 Light Straw	11	DMC 321 Red		
6	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	12	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise		

How many strands

Stem stitch. 2 or 3 strands: branches; 2 strands: light string, wire loop.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: fir needles; 1 strand: berry light.
French knot. 2 strands: hat fur, snowflakes; 1 strand: eye lights.

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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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