Merry Christmas

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.3 in (11.7 × 10.9 cm)



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

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 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. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
   Twigs, holly leaves, bough, tail, belly, back, neck, breast, wing feathers, small wing feathers, shoulder



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 2, 3, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
   Cut end, eye, bill, snow shade, berries, words



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 7, 8
   1 strand: leaf veins
   3 strands: legs
   2 strands: feet

4. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 1, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 19
   Leaf edges, bark lines, edges of the cut end, feather edges, eye ring, snow edges, snow shadows, edges of the berries, edges of the words

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 9
   Eye highlight, berry highlights



6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, color 9
   Snow



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 17
   Berry tips



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 841 Light Beige Brown	8	DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray	15	DMC 921 Copper
2	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	9	DMC BLANC White	16	DMC 402 Very Light Mahogany
3	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	10	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	17	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	11	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	18	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon
5	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	12	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	19	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6	DMC 502 Blue Green	13	DMC 922 Light Copper	20	DMC 321 Red
7	DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green	14	DMC 919 Red Copper	21	DMC 666 Bright Red

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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 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

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



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