Mimi in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.7 × 4.4 in (11.9 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of wine red cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

17 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.

The back is seen: no knots. Start with tiny stitches; end around the backs of four or five stitches.

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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Robin legs
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Holly leaves, boughs, tail, back, belly, blue rim, breast, wing
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bough ends, berries, letters, eye, bill
4. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Holly outlines, bill edge
5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaf veins, robin feet, sprig
6. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: berry highlights, eye highlight
   1 strand: lines of the snowflakes
7. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: wing feathers
   1 strand: eye ring
8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snow
9. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Knots of the snowflakes

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 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green	**7**	DMC 498 Dark Red	**13**	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
2	DMC 369 Very Light Pistachio Green	**8**	DMC 3865 Winter White	**14**	DMC 971 Pumpkin
3	DMC 367 Dark Pistachio Green	**9**	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	**15**	DMC 900 Dark Burnt Orange
4	DMC 436 Tan	**10**	DMC 3863 Medium Mocha Beige	**16**	DMC 946 Medium Burnt Orange
5	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	**11**	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	**17**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
6	DMC 666 Bright Red	**12**	DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige		

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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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