Naughty or nice

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 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.

22 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, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14
   Wool, horns, goat coat, goat beard, face stripe, muzzle, sheep ears, sheep face, fence rail



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
   Nostril, goat eye, ear linings, sheep nose, holly leaves, hoof, naughty, or, nice



3. **Back stitch**, colors 1, 2
   3 strands: sheep eyes (color 1)
   2 strands: sheep smile

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 5, 8, 12, 16
   2 strands: mouth
   3 strands: goat lid, goat brow, holly stem
   1 strand: wood grain

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand, color 1
   Sheep eyes (color 1), berry highlights



6. **Split stitch**, 1 strand, colors 8, 22
   Edges of the snow, goat leg

7. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 19, 20, 21, 22
   Holly berries, snow



8. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, colors 1, 2, 3
   Knots of the wool



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 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 433 Medium Brown	17	DMC 3346 Hunter Green
2	DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray	10	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	18	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green
3	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray	11	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	19	DMC 321 Red
4	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	12	DMC 3371 Black Brown	20	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
5	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	13	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	21	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
6	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray	14	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	22	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
7	DMC 437 Light Tan	15	DMC 3722 Medium Shell Pink		
8	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	16	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter 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

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



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