Noel in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.6 × 4.9 in (11.7 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light 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, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22
   Branch, holly leaves, tail, body, head, mask, bill (color 21), wing feathers, small wing feathers, shoulder



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20
   Cut end, eye ring, eye, bill (color 20), legs, berries, words



3. **Stem stitch**, colors 8, 18
   1 strand: leaf veins
   2 strands: feet

4. **Split stitch**
   colors 2, 5, 8, 14, 17, 18
   1 strand: edges of the cut end, branch shade, leaf edges, feather edges, bill line, wing shadow, edges of the berries
   2 strands: edges of the words

5. **Straight stitch**, color 19
   2 strands: eye highlight
   1 strand: berry highlights



6. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 18
   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 840 Medium Beige Brown	9	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	17	DMC 350 Medium Coral
2	DMC 3021 Very Dark Brown Gray	10	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	18	DMC 310 Black
3	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	11	DMC 502 Blue Green	19	DMC 3865 Winter White
4	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	12	DMC 503 Medium Blue Green	20	DMC 920 Medium Copper
5	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	13	DMC 321 Red	21	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice
6	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	14	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	22	DMC 722 Light Orange Spice
7	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	15	DMC 498 Dark Red		
8	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	16	DMC 666 Bright Red		

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



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