Reindeer carousel ornament

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.4 × 4.9 in (11.2 × 12.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Knob, hanging baubles, bow knot
2. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Base, snowy floor, canopy stripes, bow, far legs, tail, coat, belly, haunch, fetlocks, fore leg, antlers, ears, head, muzzle, ruff, and 2 more
3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Base diamonds, pole, pole stripe, pole foot, hanging stars, bauble bands, valance, cap, bow fold, hooves, nose, eye ring, eye, and 3 more
4. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   Glass rim
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Platform edge, canopy band, blanket edge
6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Base line, canopy ribs, valance edge, hanging loop, bridle, saddle edge, reins, bough stems
7. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Hanging threads, hoof clefts, mouth
8. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Snowflakes, ear line, fir boughs
9. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Antler edge
10. **French knot**
    strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Base beads, hanging stars, valance beads, snowflakes, eye light, bridle rings, bells, berries

Floss

- **1 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Glass rim (darker), pole (middle), valance edge and canopy band and 8 more parts
- **2 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Pole (light), canopy ribs, antlers (middle), glass rim (lighter) and 10 more parts
- **3 DMC 498 Dark Red**
  Base (lighter), saddle blanket (dark), canopy stripes (darkest), reins and 1 more part
- **4 DMC 814 Dark Garnet** Base (darker), hanging baubles (shade 1 of 7)
- **5 DMC BLANC White**
  Canopy stripes (lightest), snowy floor (lighter), snowflakes and 9 more parts
- **6 DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue**
  Snowy floor and base diamonds (darker), bow and saddle (light) and 1 more part
- **7 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Antler edge, pole and cap (dark), hooves (darker)
- **8 DMC 321 Red**
  Canopy stripes (dark), valance (darker), saddle blanket (middle) and 5 more parts
- **9 DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon**
  Canopy stripes (middle), saddle blanket (light), hanging baubles (shade 5 of 7)
- **10 DMC 3814 Aquamarine**
  Bow fold, bow and saddle (dark), hanging baubles (shade 4 of 7)
- **11 DMC 964 Light Seagreen**
  Bow and saddle (middle), bow knot, hanging baubles (shade 6 of 7)
- **12 DMC 746 Off White**
  Ruff, tail, canopy stripes, antlers and belly (light), fetlocks, muzzle (middle)
- **13 DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown**
  Far legs (lighter), coat, haunch and head (darkest), mouth and ear line
- **14 DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown** Far legs (darker), bough stems
- **15 DMC 3371 Black Brown** Nose, hoof clefts and eye
- **16 DMC 3864 Light Mocha Beige**
  Coat, head and haunch (light), belly (dark), fore leg (middle) and 3 more parts
- **17 DMC 3774 Very Light Desert Sand**
  Fore leg (light), coat (lightest), belly (middle), ruff (dark) and 6 more parts
- **18 DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown** Coat, haunch and head (dark)
- **19 DMC 841 Light Beige Brown**
  Haunch, coat and head (middle), fore leg and ears (dark)
- **20 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Fir boughs (darker)
- **21 DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green** Fir boughs (lighter)

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: hanging loop; 2 strands: base line, valance edge, bridle, saddle edge, reins, bough stems; 1 strand: canopy ribs.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: fir boughs; 1 strand: snowflakes, ear line.
French knot. 3 strands: bells, berries; 2 strands: base beads, hanging stars, valance beads, bridle rings; 1 strand: snowflakes, eye light.

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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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