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Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.1 × 4 in (7.9 × 10.2 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Heaven, rock steps, ass ears, ox horns, ox ears, muzzles, stone crib, and 17 more
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Rock, cave, ass, ox, mattress, Mary's robe, faces, ground, and 3 more
- **Split stitch**, 1 strand
  Rock folds
- **Stem stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Rock edges, ox folds, crib edge, robe creases, robe edges, shrub stems
- **Couching**, 2 to 4 strands
  Cave edge, halo rims, rays, heaven edge, mattress trim, gold hems, frame edges
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Ass ears, animal eyes, ass mane, face lines, mouths, gold stars, kid
- **Back stitch**, 1 strand
  Crib edge, swaddling bands, face lines

Floss

- **DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Heaven and Joseph's tunic (light)
- **DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Joseph's tunic and heaven (middle), tunic
- **DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue**
  Robe edges and robe creases (darker) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 436 Tan** Rock and ox (light), ground (middle)
- **DMC 434 Light Brown**
  Rock (dark), rock edges (lighter) and 13 more parts
- **DMC 738 Very Light Tan**
  Rock (lightest), cave edge (lighter) and 5 more parts
- **DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown**
  Rock edges (darker), rock (darkest) and 3 more parts
- **DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan**
  Rock steps (lighter), ox horns, muzzles and kid horns
- **DMC 310 Black**
  Cave, ox (darkest), ass (dark) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 646 Dark Beaver Gray**
  Ass (middle), stone crib and ass ears (darker), kid (dark)
- **DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray**
  Stone crib (lighter), ass (light) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Kid (light), swaddling and crib edge
- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Frame and halos, mattress trim (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Frame edges, halo rims and rays (lighter) and 2 more parts
- **DMC 321 Red** Mattress (lighter), shoes and 2 more parts
- **DMC 498 Dark Red** Mattress (darker)
- **DMC 3835 Medium Grape** Mary's robe (middle)
- **DMC 3834 Dark Grape** Mary's robe (dark)
- **DMC 3836 Light Grape** Robe folds, Mary's robe (light)
- **DMC 422 Light Hazelnut Brown** Hands
- **DMC 3828 Hazelnut Brown** Feet
- **DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Joseph's mantle and shrub leaves (lighter)
- **DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Joseph's mantle (darker) and 3 more parts

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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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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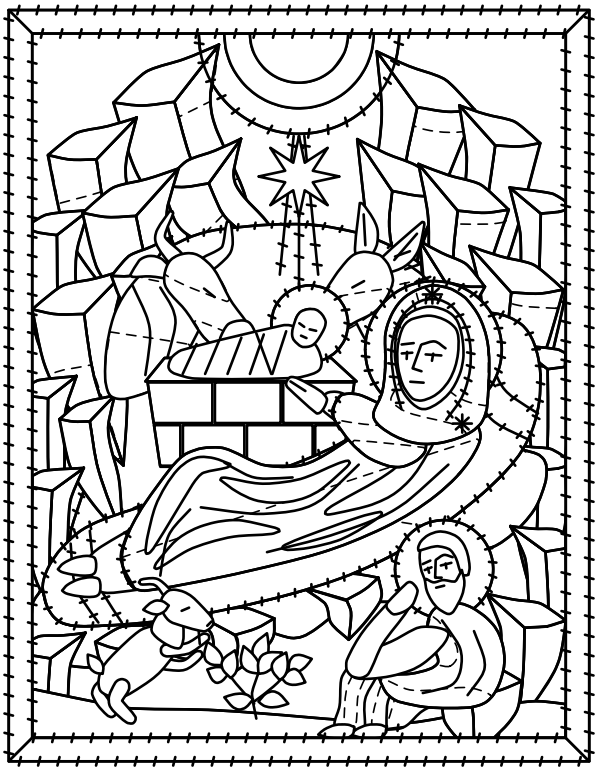

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