Papa in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: navy cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of navy 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 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.

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, 15, 16, 17
   Far snow, fence rails, fence posts, snow drifts, snow caps, letters, robin tail, robin belly, robin flank, robin back, robin collar, robin breast, robin wing, holly stems, holly leaves, leaf margins



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 5, 13, 21
   Robin eye, robin bill, wingprint



3. **Split stitch**
   1 strand, colors 3, 5, 6
   Wood cracks, letter joints, wood grain, letter edges, feather edges

4. **Stem stitch**, colors 4, 10, 16
   2 strands: robin legs (color 4)
   1 strand: leaf veins

5. **Straight stitch**
   colors 1, 4, 10, 21, 22
   1 strand: robin legs (color 4), eye highlight, berry highlights, edges of the wingprint
   2 strands: bird tracks



6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 18, 19, 20
   Berries



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 13
   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 3865 Winter White	9	DMC 436 Tan	17	DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige
2	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	10	DMC 746 Off White	18	DMC 321 Red
3	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	11	DMC 922 Light Copper	19	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
4	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	12	DMC 921 Copper	20	DMC 666 Bright Red
5	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	13	DMC 3371 Black Brown	21	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue
6	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	14	DMC 502 Blue Green	22	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue
7	DMC 434 Light Brown	15	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green		
8	DMC 433 Medium Brown	16	DMC 503 Medium Blue 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

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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