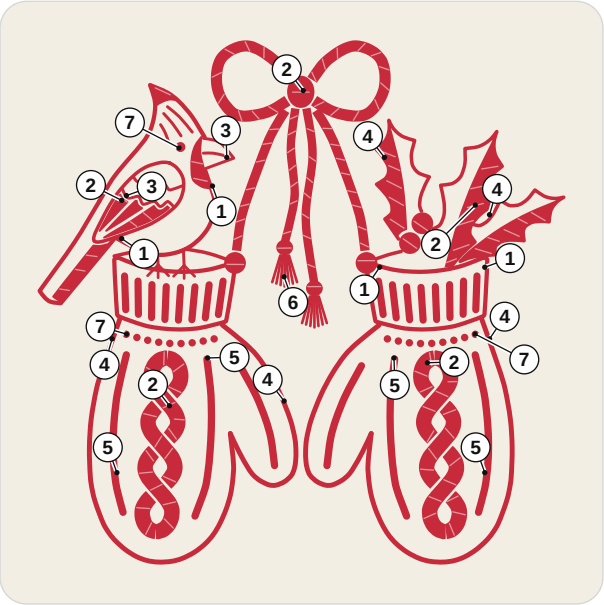
Redwork mittens on a cord

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.4 in (11.2 × 11.2 cm)



A number is a row of the list.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 7, and size 5 for 4 strands.

One skein (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 2 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 2 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 3, 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.

Floss

DMC 321 Red
Cables, holly leaves, mittens, cord, bow, ribs, knit ribs, cuffs, wing, tassels, tail, cardinal, berries, knit band, buttons, crest, mask, feet, beak and eye

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Lines of the tail, cardinal, cuffs

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Tail, crest, mask, wing, berries, holly leaves, cables, ribs, bow, cord, tassels, buttons



3. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the crest, beak, lines of the wing
   3 strands: feet (DMC 321)

4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: lines of the wing, edges of the holly leaves
   4 strands: mittens

5. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
   Knit ribs



6. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: feet (DMC 321)
   2 strands: lines of the tassels



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Eye, knit band



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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6 inch hoop

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.



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25.4 mm

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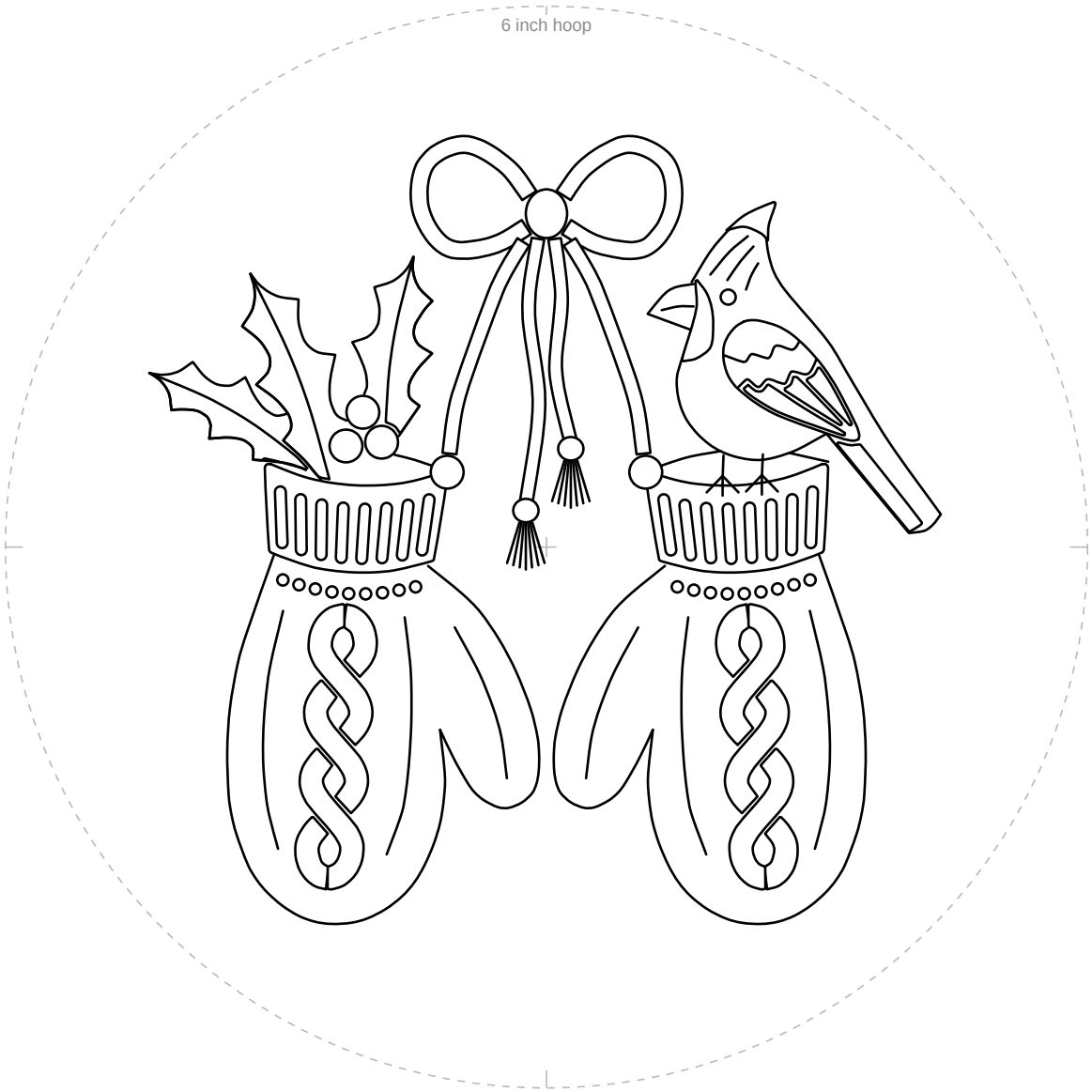
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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