Redwork nativity scene

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 4.9 in (11.7 × 12.4 cm).



Which color goes where.

Floss

DMC 321 Red
Thatch, posts, leaves, Joseph cloak, Mary mantle, sheep, star and ox and 26 more parts

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Star, Joseph sash, Joseph head band, poinsettia
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 4 strands
  Ground, posts, stall rail, thatch, ox, donkey, Joseph robe, Joseph sleeve, Joseph cloak, Joseph head cloth, manger, swaddling, Child, and 6 more
- **Back stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Posts, thatch, star, small stars, ox, donkey, Joseph robe, staff, Joseph sleeve, hands, Joseph cloak, faces, eyes, Joseph beard, and 14 more
- **Running stitch**, 1 strand
  Star rays
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Ox, donkey, Mary mantle, sheep, poinsettia
- **Lazy daisy stitch**, 1 strand
  Mary mantle

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.

Work it in this order

1. Stitch the filled parts first, what lies behind before what lies in front of it.
2. Then stitch the lines: stems, veins and outlines over the edges of the filled parts.
3. Keep the knots for the end, so that the hoop and your hand do not flatten them.

The thread
Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers: a knot shows as a bump. A line may start with a small knot on the back or one of the knotless starts. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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1 in
25.4 mm

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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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