Christmas bauble with hearts

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.5 in (11.4 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Twigs
2. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Fir needles
3. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Cap ring
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Glass ball, heart band
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Hearts, window light, cap
6. **Couching**, 4 strands
   Gold lines
7. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: ball edge, edges of the cap
   2 strands: lace
8. **Stem stitch**, 4 strands
   Cord
9. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the cap
10. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
    Berry highlight
11. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Berries
12. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Gold dots, lace knots

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

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, 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.

Buy: 21 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 934, 2 of DMC 3051 and 2 of DMC 3052; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

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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 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	8	DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise	15	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 934 Black Avocado Green	9	DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise	16	DMC 666 Bright Red
3	DMC 3051 Dark Green Gray	10	DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise	17	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
4	DMC 3052 Medium Green Gray	11	DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray	18	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
5	DMC 3364 Pine Green	12	DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray	19	DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue
6	DMC 597 Turquoise	13	DMC 3865 Winter White	20	DMC 3822 Light Straw
7	DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	14	DMC 321 Red	21	DMC 814 Dark Garnet

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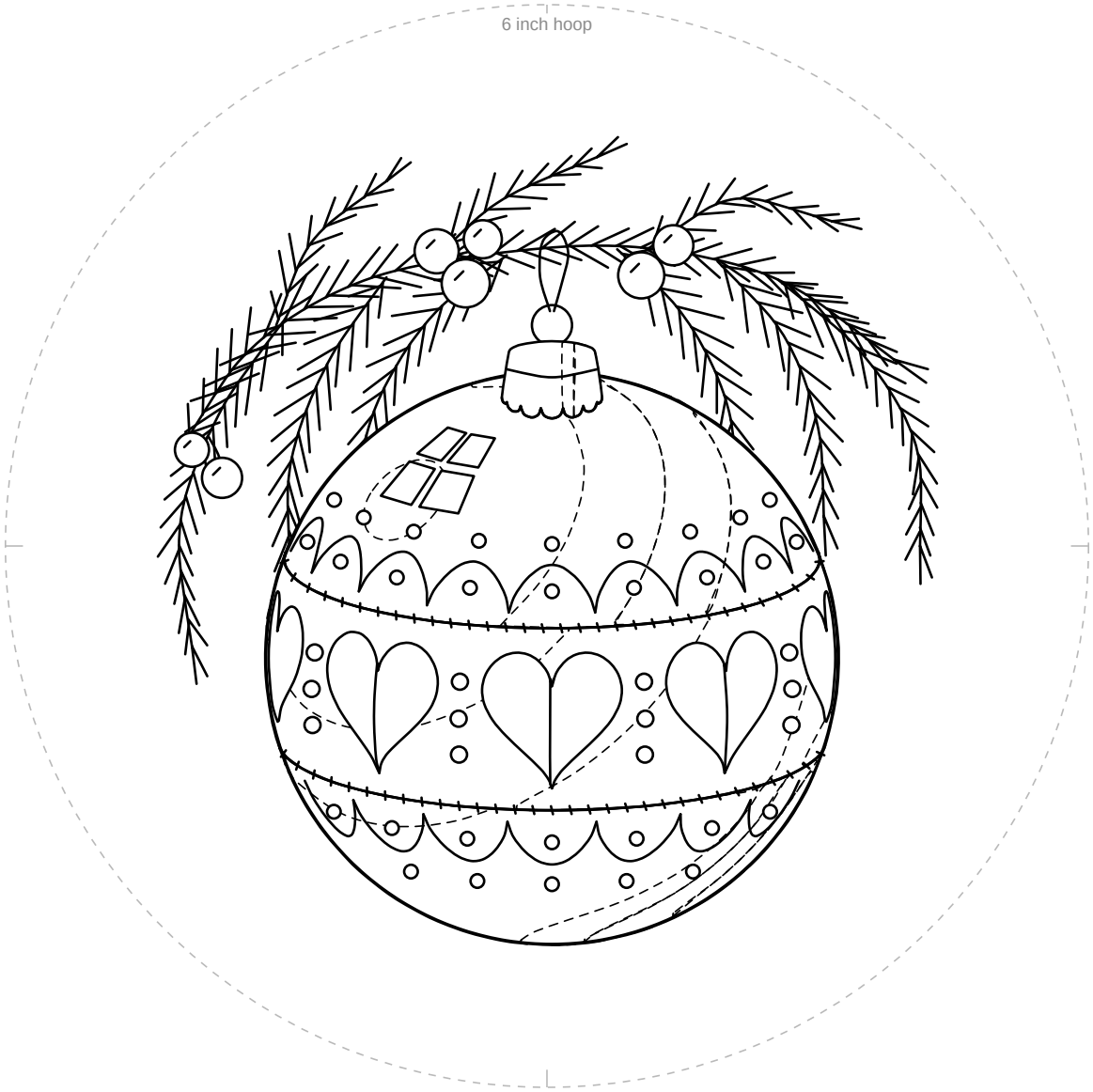
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

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.



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25.4 mm

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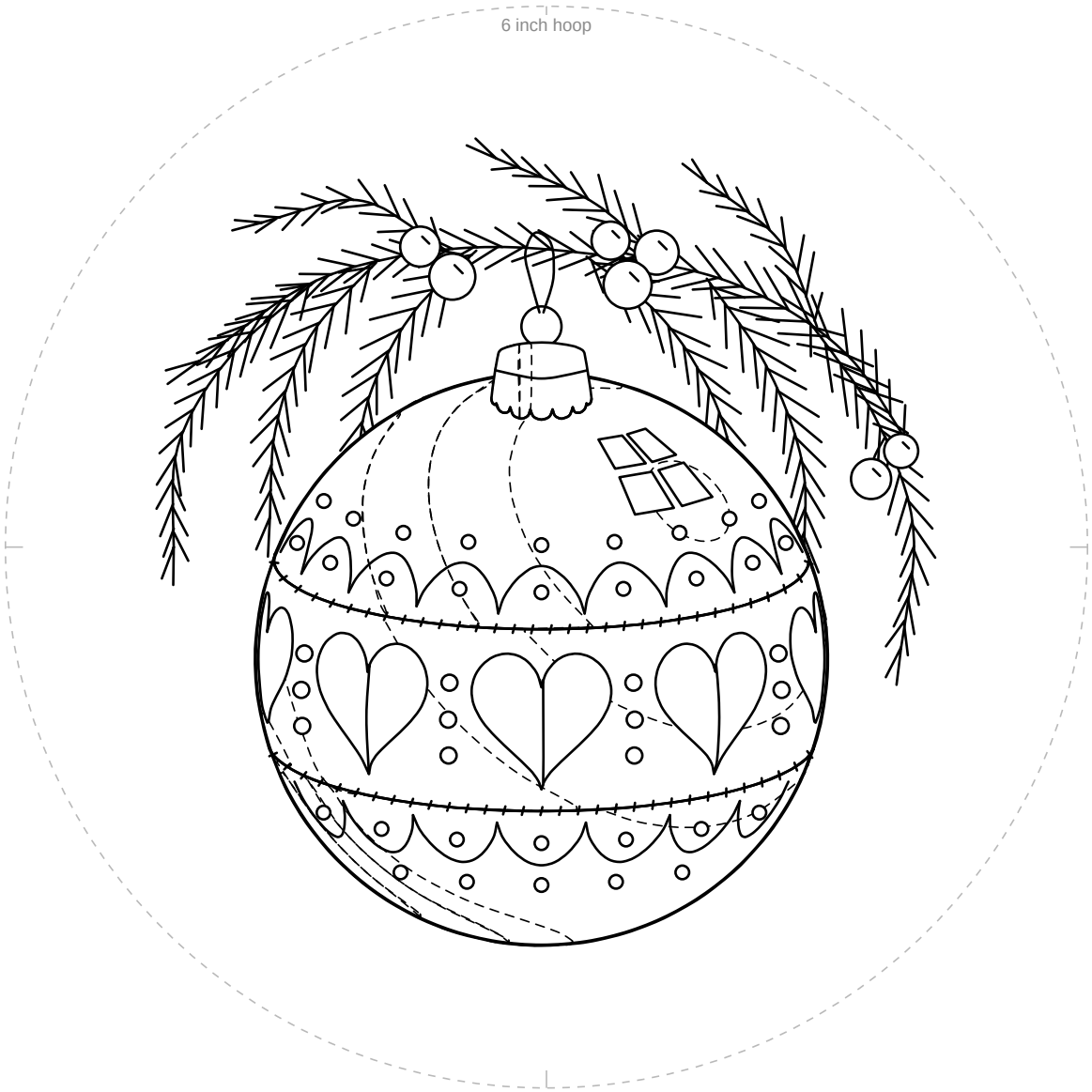
For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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