Santa Claus from the front

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.7 in (11.2 × 11.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

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: 24 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of pale blue cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Lantern handle

2. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Far snow, far firs, snow on firs, snow, sack ruffle, sack, trousers, boots, coat, belt, sleeves, gloves (color 5), lantern glass, face, cheeks, beard, mustache, nose, eyebrows, hat, wren, wren wing



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Sack patch, sack tie, boot cuffs, gloves (colors 2, 5 and 14), flame, lantern frame, mouth, eyes, wren bill



4. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Edges of the sack patch

5. **Stem stitch**
   1 strand: sack folds
   3 strands: edges of the lantern frame

6. **Split stitch**
   2 strands: boot soles
   1 strand: glove creases, edges of the flame, eyelids, smile lines, wren bars (color 14)

7. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: lines of the buckle, lines of the evening star
   2 strands: wren bars (color 7)
   1 strand: wren feet



8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Buckle



9. **Turkey work**, 2 strands
   Coat fur, cuffs, hat fur



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    1 strand: eye highlights, wren eye
    2 strands: knots of the evening star



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 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 304 Medium Red	17	DMC 350 Medium Coral
2	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	10	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	18	DMC 822 Light Beige Gray
3	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	11	DMC 782 Dark Topaz	19	DMC 712 Cream
4	DMC 3865 Winter White	12	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	20	DMC 3821 Straw
5	DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green	13	DMC 498 Dark Red	21	DMC 3770 Very Light Tawny
6	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown	14	DMC 3371 Black Brown	22	DMC 407 Dark Desert Sand
7	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	15	DMC 310 Black	23	DMC 950 Light Desert Sand
8	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	16	DMC 321 Red	24	DMC 3712 Medium Salmon

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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 dashed line is running stitch; a finer one 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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