Shepherd and six sheep border

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 2.1 in (12.4 × 5.3 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.

15 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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Border lines, flower stems

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Border hearts, tulips, daisies, daisy centers, sheep legs, fleece, sheep faces, sheep ears, crook, shoes, tunic, tunic band, belt, coat, hands, sleeves, headcloth, face, beard, headband, lantern light, lantern



4. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: border scallops, belt ends, sleeve trim
   2 strands: fleece edge, coat trim, headcloth stripes, edges of the lantern

5. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Hooves, sheep noses, stars, cheeks, mouth, lantern bars



6. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: border dots, knots of the fleece
   1 strand: sheep eyes, eyes



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop.

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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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



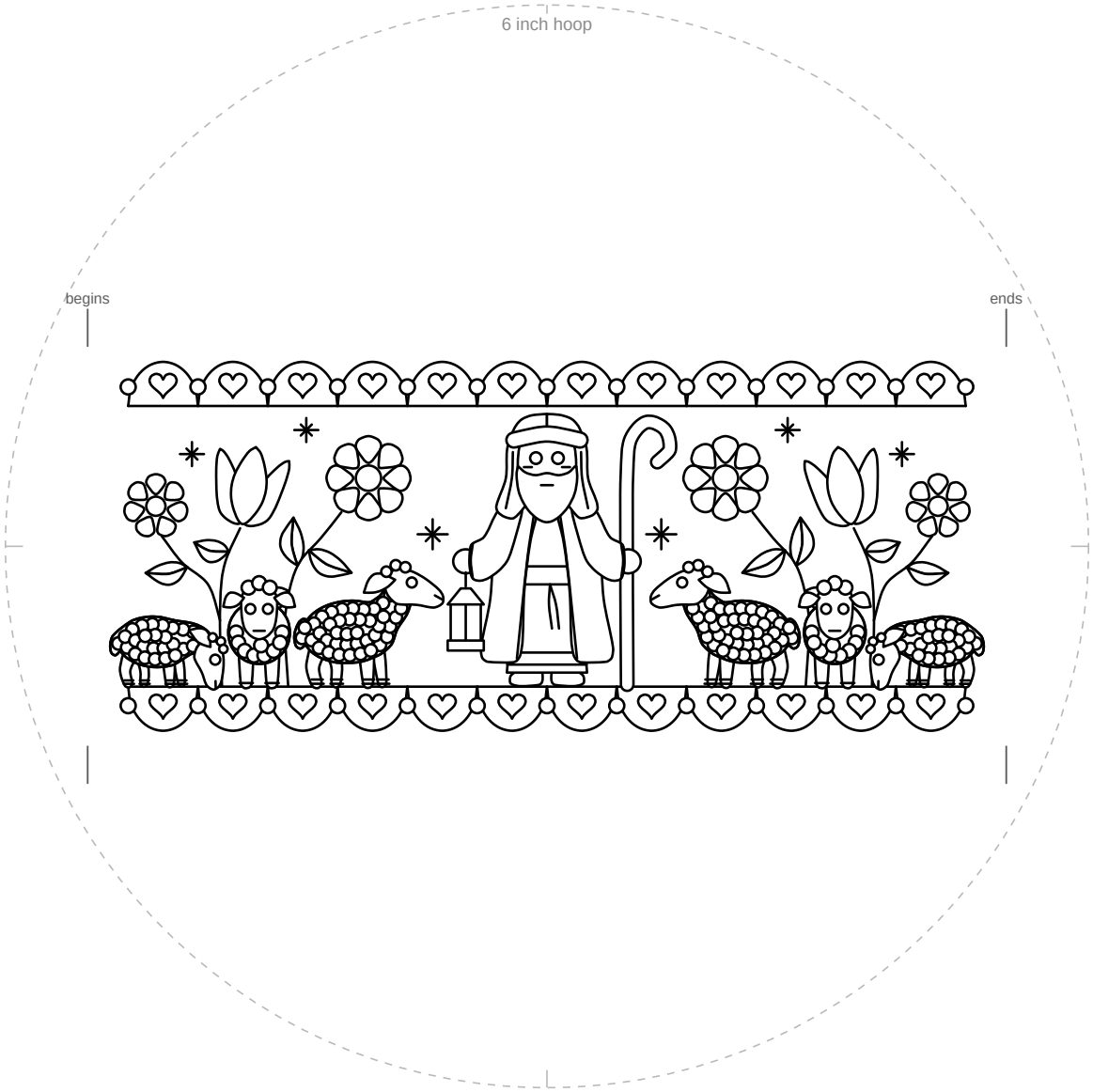
1	DMC 988 Medium Forest Green	**6**	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	**11**	DMC 3865 Winter White
2	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**7**	DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue	**12**	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue
3	DMC 321 Red	**8**	DMC 433 Medium Brown	**13**	DMC 3371 Black Brown
4	DMC 809 Delft Blue	**9**	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**14**	DMC 21 Light Alizarin
5	DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green	**10**	DMC 436 Tan	**15**	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.



1 in
25.4 mm

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.
Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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