# Small Christmas trees motif for shirts

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4 in (9.9 × 10.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: wine red cotton or linen.

## Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Trunks, boughs of the snowy tree, boughs of the tall tree, boughs of the small tree, snow drifts
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snow on the boughs, star
3. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand
   Drift edges
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Snowflakes
5. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Bead garland, baubles, popcorn garland, small tree top, snowflakes, falling snow

## Floss

- **1 DMC 433 Medium Brown** Trunks (darker)
- **2 DMC 437 Light Tan** Trunks (lighter)
- **3 DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green**
  Boughs of the tall tree and boughs of the snowy tree (darkest)
- **4 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green**
  Boughs of the snowy tree (dark)
- **5 DMC 502 Blue Green**
  Boughs of the snowy tree (light), boughs of the small tree (dark)
- **6 DMC 503 Medium Blue Green**
  Boughs of the snowy tree (lightest), boughs of the small tree (middle)
- **7 DMC BLANC White**
  Snow drifts (light), snow on the boughs (lighter), drift edges and 3 more parts
- **8 DMC 775 Very Light Baby Blue**
  Snow drifts (middle), snow on the boughs (darker)
- **9 DMC 368 Light Pistachio Green**
  Boughs of the tall tree (lightest)
- **10 DMC 367 Dark Pistachio Green**
  Boughs of the tall tree (dark)
- **11 DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green**
  Boughs of the tall tree (light)
- **12 DMC 321 Red** Bead garland
- **13 DMC 725 Medium Light Topaz**
  Baubles and small tree top, star (lighter)
- **14 DMC 504 Very Light Blue Green**
  Boughs of the small tree (light)
- **15 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Snow drifts (dark)
- **16 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Star (darker)

## Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.



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**6 inch hoop**

## How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Begin with no knot on the back where it is seen and washed, as on a towel, a napkin or clothes; for a piece in a hoop a small knot is fine. End each thread by whipping it around the backs of four or five stitches, with one small hitch.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.




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| 4 | DMC 501 Dark Blue Green | 10 | DMC 367 Dark Pistachio Green | 16 | DMC 783 Medium Topaz |
| 5 | DMC 502 Blue Green | 11 | DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green | | |
| 6 | DMC 503 Medium Blue Green | 12 | DMC 321 Red | | |

## How many strands

French knot. 3 strands: baubles, small tree top; 2 strands: bead garland, popcorn garland, snowflakes, falling snow.



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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.




**1 in**
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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**6 inch hoop**

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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