Snowflakes hanging on strings

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 5 × 5 in (12.7 × 12.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark teal cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Outline stitch**, 2 strands
   Strings
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Bows, bow knots, crystal facets, diamond tips
3. **Whipped back stitch**, 3 strands
   Frame, snowflake arms (color 2)
4. **Back stitch**
   1 strand: inner ring
   2 strands: hanging loops
   3 strands: snowflake hearts, snowflake arms (color 2)
   4 strands: crystal points
5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: bow folds, tiny crystals
   3 strands: branches
6. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
   Lace petals
7. **French knot**, two wraps
   1 strand: frame beads, frost knots, falling snow
   3 strands: crystal hearts

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 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.

Buy: 5 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each 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 dark teal cotton or linen, a white pencil.

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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 3761 Light Sky Blue
2 DMC B5200 Snow White
3 DMC 321 Red
4 DMC 815 Medium Garnet
5 DMC 519 Sky Blue

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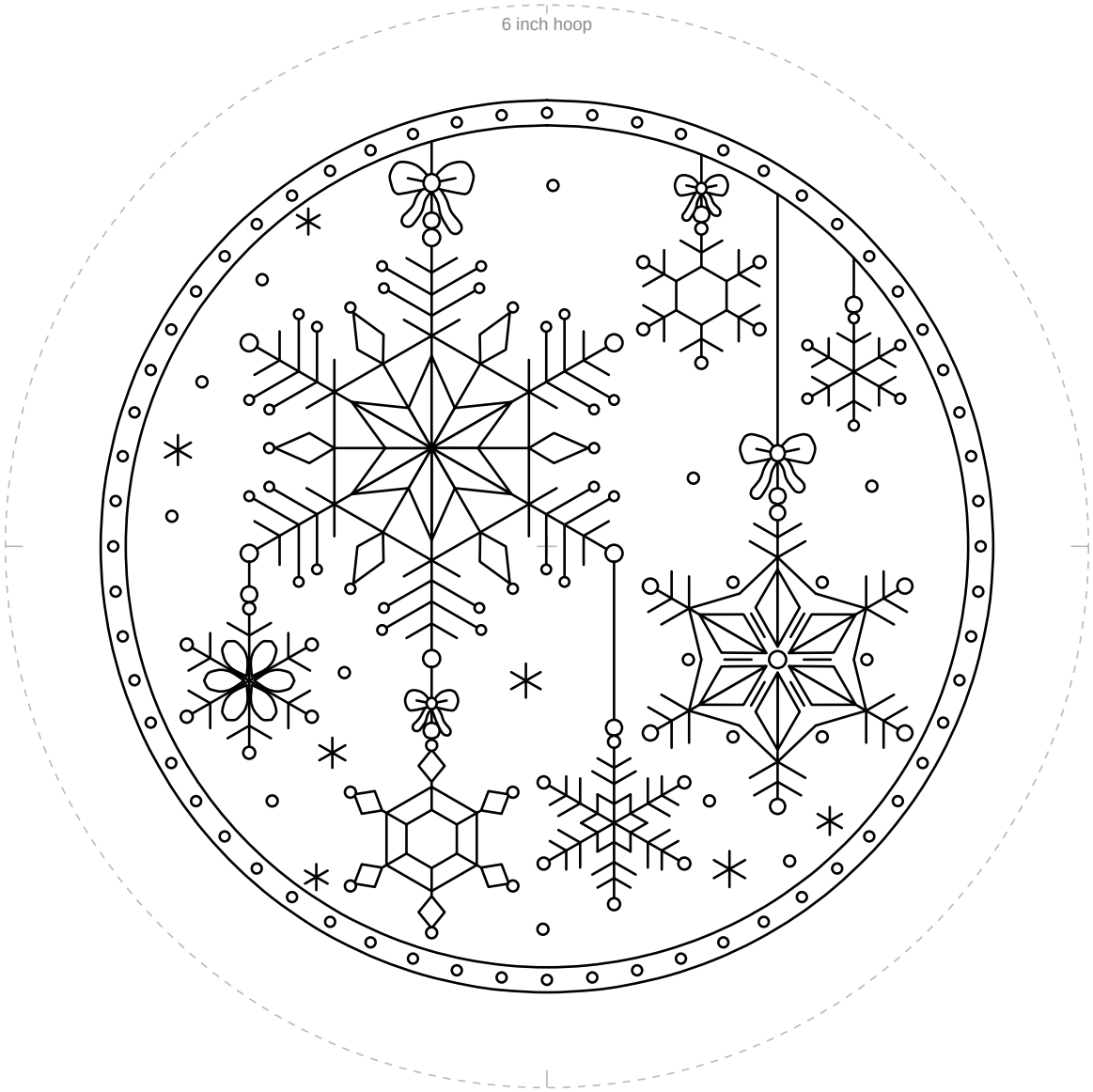
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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