Snowman hot pad with snowflake border

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.5 × 4.9 in (11.4 × 12.4 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. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Snow drift, snow, baker's hat, pie crust
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Hanging loop, binding, twig arms, hat band, eyes, cheeks, coal mouth, carrot nose, scarf, scarf knot, coal buttons, oven mitts, mitt cuffs, pie dish, crust rim, cherry heart, steam
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Holly leaves
4. **Back stitch**, 2 strands
   Inner line, dish line
5. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: snowflakes, scarf fringe
   1 strand: carrot ridges
   2 strands: rim creases
6. **Split stitch**
   4 strands: binding rims
   3 strands: snow outline, brows
   2 strands: hat edge, hat folds, scarf edge, scarf folds, mitt edge
7. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Inner ring
8. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: snowflake hearts, border knots, holly berries
   1 strand: eye highlights

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

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: 18 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 3865; 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 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 321 Red	7	DMC 3756 Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	13	DMC 761 Light Salmon
2	DMC 3865 Winter White	8	DMC 738 Very Light Tan	14	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine
3	DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 712 Cream	15	DMC 970 Light Pumpkin
4	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	10	DMC 437 Light Tan	16	DMC 433 Medium Brown
5	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	11	DMC 987 Dark Forest Green	17	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6	DMC 3826 Golden Brown	12	DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray	18	DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown

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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.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

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