Christmas bell with star and bow

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.5 in (10.9 × 11.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

19 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

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.

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. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
   2 strands: bow tails, bow lining, bow loops, bell mouth, bell
   1 strand: bell lip, clapper, bell rings, bow knot



2. **Satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 4, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18
   Clapper rod, window light, bell crown, star shadow



3. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 12, 18, 19
   Star



4. **Straight stitch**, colors 1, 2, 3, 5
   3 strands: fir needles
   1 strand: frost



5. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands, color 4
   Fir twigs

6. **Split stitch**, colors 4, 7, 16, 17
   1 or 2 strands: bell edge
   1 strand: bow folds, ring shadow, star edge

7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 5
   Snow knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Christmas bell with star and bow

6 inch hoop

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



1	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	8	DMC 815 Medium Garnet	15	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown
2	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	9	DMC 321 Red	16	DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown
3	DMC 502 Blue Green	10	DMC 3801 Very Dark Melon	17	DMC 677 Very Light Old Gold
4	DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown	11	DMC 680 Dark Old Gold	18	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
5	DMC 3865 Winter White	12	DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold	19	DMC 3820 Dark Straw
6	DMC 498 Dark Red	13	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold		
7	DMC 814 Dark Garnet	14	DMC 676 Light Old Gold		

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Christmas bell with star and bow

6 inch hoop

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%.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Christmas bell with star and bow

6 inch hoop

For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



1 in
25.4 mm

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

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.