Christmas stockings on a line

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.8 × 4.8 in (12.2 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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 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.

Buy: 23 colors of floss (page 2), 2 skeins of DMC 3752; one of each other color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), an embroidery needle size 9, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sky, sun, far hill, snow, trunks, snow on the trees, mustard stocking, heels and toes, wooden horse (color 15), cream stocking, clementine, baby sock, moss stocking, plaid bands, cranberry stocking, robin tail, robin belly, robin head, robin breast, robin wing, hare shadow, hare ears, hare, hare haunch, hare feet
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Far firs, tracks, cones, stocking insides, holly, cream stripes, cuffs, pegs, wooden horse (color 12), candy cane, wrapped sweet, cables, robin bill
3. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Clementine leaf
4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Bark
5. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands: spruce needles, washing line (color 5), pine sprig (colors 13 and 17), robin feet (color 10), edges of the hare ears, hare nose
   3 strands: edges of the cones, mane
   1 strand: edges of the pegs, lines of the robin eye, lines of the hare eye
6. **Back stitch**
   2 strands: twigs (color 11), edges of the heels and toes, bridle
   1 strand: lines of the holly, plaid lines, cuff ribs, lines of the robin wing
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Lines of the baby sock, edges of the cables
8. **Stem stitch**
   3 strands: twigs (color 10), washing line (colors 5 and 10), rim
   2 strands: pine sprig (color 11), edges of the cables, robin feet (color 10)
9. **French knot**, two wraps
   2 strands: knots of the washing line, knots of the cream stocking, knots of the cuffs, knots of the robin eye, hare tail, knots of the hare eye
   3 strands: berries
   1 strand: horse eye

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.

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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 3752 Very Light Antique Blue	9	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	17	DMC 469 Avocado Green
2	DMC 3341 Apricot	10	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	18	DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green
3	DMC 3824 Light Apricot	11	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	19	DMC 3831 Dark Raspberry
4	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	12	DMC 434 Light Brown	20	DMC 833 Light Golden Olive
5	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan	13	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	21	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
6	DMC 932 Light Antique Blue	14	DMC 502 Blue Green	22	DMC 921 Copper
7	DMC BLANC White	15	DMC 436 Tan	23	DMC 902 Very Dark Garnet
8	DMC 931 Medium Antique Blue	16	DMC 831 Medium Golden Olive		

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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%.

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