Easy sugar plum Christmas Eve bookmark

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.3 × 4.7 in (5.8 × 11.9 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Mattress, pillow, pillow ticking, mouse head, mouse cheek, cap stripes, cap brim, ears, nose, quilt patches, quilt hem, paws, brass bed, and 5 more
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Leaves
3. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Border cord, brass bed, cap edge, eye, quilt edge, plum stems
4. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Inner border
5. **Split stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pillow edge, cap brim edge, mouse edge, quilt edge, plum edges, bow edges
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Whiskers, bow folds, tassel
7. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands
   Brass bed

Floss

- **1 DMC 154 Very Dark Grape**
  Border cord, plum edges, quilt edge and bow edges, plums (dark) and 7 more parts
- **2 DMC 321 Red**
  Cap stripes and tassel (darker), cap edge and inner border, quilt patches (dark)
- **3 DMC 3042 Light Antique Violet**
  Mattress, mouse head, pillow ticking and paws, plums (light), ears (lighter)
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Bows, brass bed and stars, tassel (lighter)
- **5 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Cap stripes (lighter), pillow and cap brim, quilt patches (light) and 3 more parts
- **6 DMC 3835 Medium Grape**
  Plums and quilt patches (middle), ears (darker)
- **7 DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green**
  Leaves and plum stems

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them 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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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.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

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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How many strands

Stem stitch. 4 strands: brass bed; 3 strands: border cord, plum stems; 2 strands: cap edge, eye, quilt edge.
Split stitch. 2 strands: plum edges; 1 strand: pillow edge, cap brim edge, mouse edge, quilt edge, bow edges.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: tassel; 1 strand: whiskers, bow folds.

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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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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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