The Hermit tarot card in the snow

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 2.7 × 4.4 in (6.9 × 11.2 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Sky, far hills, snow, trail, lantern light, shadow on the snow, cloak, beard, hood, fox
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Pine shade, footprints, boots, hands, face, lantern frame, lantern glass, lantern flame, fox legs, fox, frame, frame corners
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Frame leaves
4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands
   Evening star
5. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pine trunks, walking staff, lantern frame, frame edges
6. **Fly stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Pines, snow on the pines
7. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Lit edges
8. **Couching**, 6 strands
   Frame cord
9. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Fox eye and nose, frame beads

Floss

- **1 DMC 3856 Ultra Very Light Mahogany**
  Sky (lightest), lantern light and fox (light), evening star
- **2 DMC 792 Dark Cornflower Blue**
  Far hills and shadow on the snow (darker), snow and sky (darkest), footprints
- **3 DMC 3740 Dark Antique Violet** Sky (dark), far hills (lighter)
- **4 DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet** Sky (middle)
- **5 DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta**
  Sky (light), lantern light (darkest), hands and face
- **6 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Cloak and hood (dark), pine trunks, boots, fox legs and fox eye and nose
- **7 DMC 924 Very Dark Gray Green** Pine shade, pines (darker)
- **8 DMC 341 Light Blue Violet**
  Snow (middle), lantern light, snow on the pines and beard (dark), trail (lighter)
- **9 DMC 340 Medium Blue Violet**
  Snow (dark), trail (darker), shadow on the snow (lighter)
- **10 DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet**
  Snow (light), lantern light, snow on the pines and beard (middle)
- **11 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Snow and fox (lightest), snow on the pines and beard (light), lantern flame
- **12 DMC 3768 Dark Gray Green** Pines (lighter)
- **13 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Lantern glass, lit edges and frame beads, lantern light (lightest)
- **14 DMC 869 Very Dark Hazelnut Brown**
  Frame corners, frame edges and frame cord (darker), cloak (light) and 4 more parts
- **15 DMC 839 Dark Beige Brown** Cloak and hood (middle)
- **16 DMC 832 Golden Olive** Frame, lantern frame (lighter)
- **17 DMC 921 Copper** Fox (dark)
- **18 DMC 833 Light Golden Olive**
  Frame cord and frame edges (lighter), frame leaves

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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6 inch hoop

How to read it

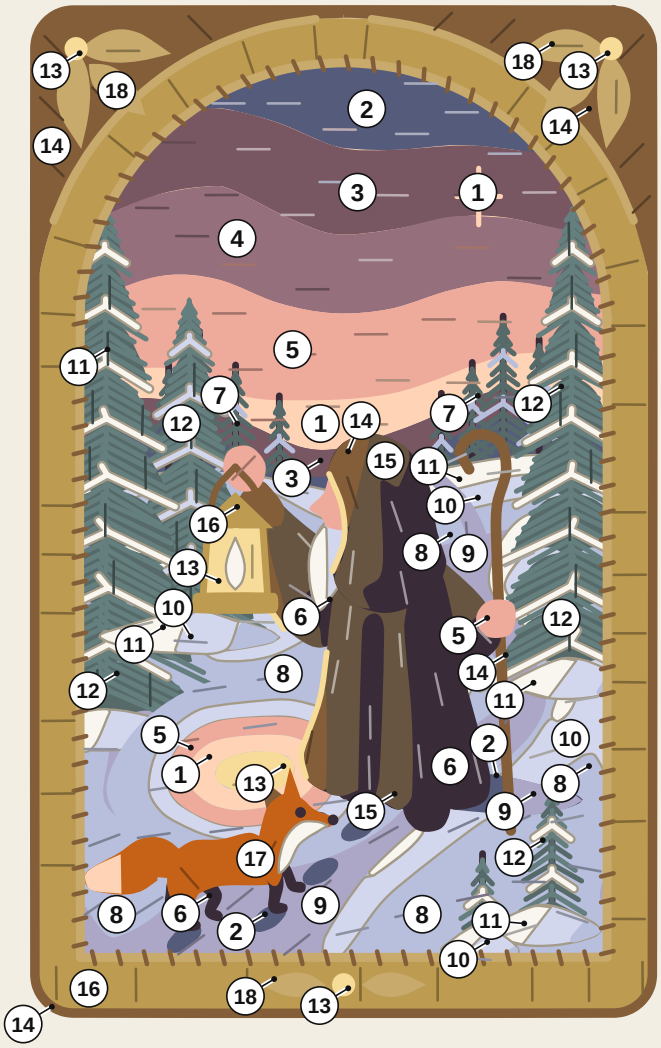
Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

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.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

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. 5 strands: walking staff; 3 or 4 strands: frame edges; 2 strands: pine trunks, lantern frame.
Fly stitch. 2 or 3 strands: snow on the pines; 2 strands: pines.
French knot. 2 strands: frame beads; 1 strand: fox eye and nose.

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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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