The night before Christmas, mistletoe

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.8 × 4.9 in (12.2 × 12.4 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Lantern, lantern light, candle, flame, fir cones, berries, words
2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Mistletoe leaves
3. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Fir needles, rays, stars
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Fir twigs, lantern hook, mistletoe stems, mistletoe leaves
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Flame, words
6. **Back stitch**, 1 strand
   Lantern seams
7. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Berry eyes, stars

Floss

- **1 DMC 501 Dark Blue Green** Fir needles (darker)
- **2 DMC 3816 Celadon Green** Fir needles (lighter)
- **3 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Fir cones (dark), fir twigs
- **4 DMC 3822 Light Straw**
  Words and rays, stars (lighter), lantern light (light)
- **5 DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Lantern (light), lantern light (dark), stars (darker), lantern hook
- **6 DMC 783 Medium Topaz**
  Lantern (middle), lantern light (darkest)
- **7 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Lantern (dark), lantern seams
- **8 DMC 3078 Very Light Golden Yellow**
  Lantern light (lightest), flame (lighter)
- **9 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Berries (light), candle (lighter)
- **10 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Berries (dark), candle (darker)
- **11 DMC 741 Medium Tangerine** Flame (darker)
- **12 DMC 435 Very Light Brown** Fir cones (middle)
- **13 DMC 437 Light Tan** Fir cones (light)
- **14 DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Mistletoe leaves (darkest), mistletoe stems and berry eyes
- **15 DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green**
  Mistletoe leaves (lightest)
- **16 DMC 3053 Green Gray** Mistletoe leaves (dark)
- **17 DMC 524 Very Light Fern Green**
  Mistletoe leaves (light)
- **18 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray**
  Berries (middle)

Three ways onto dark fabric

1. **Light shines through it**
   Lay page 3 on a bright light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a white marking pencil or pen.
2. **No light shines through**
   Print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, smooth it onto fabric that can be washed, stitch through both and rinse it away.
3. **White or yellow carbon paper**
   Lay it colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace firmly with a ballpoint pen. Go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Page 3 is the pattern at actual size (page 4 is its mirror, for an iron-on pen on a light fabric). Print it 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

Straight stitch. 3 strands: fir needles; 2 strands: rays; 1 or 2 strands: stars.
Stem stitch. 2 or 3 strands: mistletoe stems; 2 strands: fir twigs, lantern hook; 1 strand: mistletoe leaves.

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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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6 inch hoop

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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