Three jingle bells on a bow

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.4 in (10.9 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark green cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark green cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

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

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

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. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Fir twigs
2. **Straight stitch**, 3 strands
   Fir needles
3. **Whipped back stitch**, 6 strands
   Cords
4. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Bells, bow tails, inside of the bow, bow loops, knot
5. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Rings, bell bands, bell mouths
6. **Stem stitch**, 2 strands
   Bell lines
7. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Bell edges, bow edges
8. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the 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 801 Dark Coffee Brown	**7**	DMC 3822 Light Straw	**13**	DMC 498 Dark Red
2	DMC 3345 Dark Hunter Green	**8**	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	**14**	DMC 321 Red
3	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	**9**	DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow	**15**	DMC 3705 Dark Melon
4	DMC 3347 Medium Yellow Green	**10**	DMC 938 Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	**16**	DMC 712 Cream
5	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	**11**	DMC 666 Bright Red		
6	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz	**12**	DMC 814 Dark Garnet		

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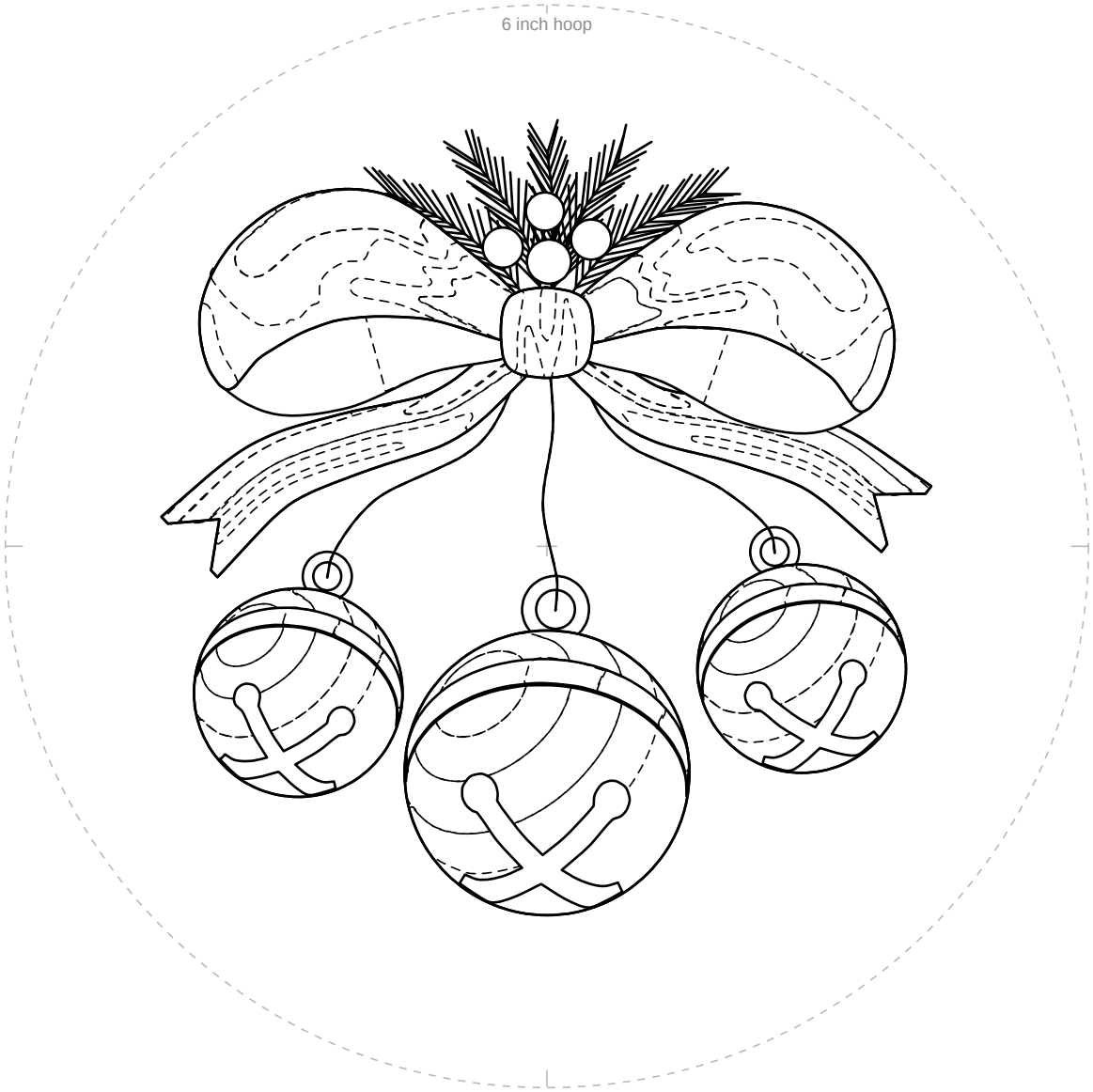
Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a dashed line is whipped back stitch; a finer one 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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