’Twas the night before Christmas village

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.3 × 4.8 in (10.9 × 12.2 cm).



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snow on the ridges, snow on the eaves, church spire, snow on the gables, snow on the chimneys, snow drifts, snow bank, script letters, smoke, star
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Doors, snow on the sills, chimneys, lit windows, script letters, small script letters
3. **Trellis stitch**, 2 strands
   Trellis roof
4. **Woven filling stitch**, 3 strands
   Woven roof
5. **Buttonhole stitch**, 2 strands
   Buttonhole roof, buttonhole scallops

Floss

- **1 DMC 712 Cream**
  Windows, house walls, doors and pearls, fir trees (darker) and 5 more parts
- **2 DMC BLANC White**
  Script letters, buttonhole scallops, snow bank and snow on the gables and 19 more parts
- **3 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Boarded walls, brick walls, smoke line and chimneys
- **4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Lit windows (lighter)
- **5 DMC 832 Golden Olive** Lit windows (darker)

Stitches, continued

6. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   House walls, roof edges, windows, ribbed roof, smoke line, smoke
7. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Chain roof
8. **Back stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Windows, boarded walls
9. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Brick walls
10. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
    Window bars, fir trunks, fir trees, star rays, snowflakes
11. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands
    Fir trees
12. **Colonial knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Knotted roof, pearls
13. **French knot**, strands by part on page 2, two wraps
    Small script letters, falling snow

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.

A dashed line is running stitch.

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.



1 DMC 712 Cream
2 DMC BLANC White
3 DMC 415 Pearl Gray
4 DMC 3820 Dark Straw
5 DMC 832 Golden Olive

How many strands

Stem stitch. 3 strands: house walls, roof edges, ribbed roof; 2 strands: smoke line, smoke; 1 strand: windows.
Back stitch. 1 or 2 strands: windows; 1 strand: boarded walls.
Straight stitch. 3 strands: fir trunks; 2 strands: window bars, fir trees, star rays; 1 strand: snowflakes.
French knot. 1 or 2 strands: falling snow; 1 strand: small script letters.

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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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