Uncle in holly

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.6 in (10.7 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

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.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

Buy: 20 colors of floss (page 2), one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes), embroidery needles size 9, and size 5 for 4 strands, a 6 inch (15 cm) hoop, a 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen, a water-soluble pen.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   1 strand
   Robin, robin belly, robin breast, robin wing



2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Peg rail, scarf stripes, beak, cap peak, cap tweed, cap button, holly leaves, holly stem, brass peg, letters



3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Lines of the peg rail, lines of the robin wing, edges of the brass peg

4. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands
   Scarf rows (color 12), cap rows (color 12)



5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands
   Scarf rows (colors 6, 10 and 11), cap rows (colors 6, 10 and 11)



6. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Scarf rows (colors 9 and 11), cap rows (colors 9 and 11)



7. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: edges of the peg rail, scarf edge
   3 strands: cap edge
   1 strand: holly veins

8. **Straight stitch**, 4 strands
   Fringe



9. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Holly berries



10. **French knot**, two wraps
    2 strands: robin eye
    1 strand: robin eye highlight, berry highlights



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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6 inch hoop

A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 841 Light Beige Brown	8	DMC 3829 Very Dark Old Gold	15	DMC 919 Red Copper
2	DMC 433 Medium Brown	9	DMC 3012 Medium Khaki Green	16	DMC 921 Copper
3	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	10	DMC 712 Cream	17	DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green
4	DMC 154 Very Dark Grape	11	DMC 783 Medium Topaz	18	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green
5	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	12	DMC 3371 Black Brown	19	DMC 320 Medium Pistachio Green
6	DMC 3834 Dark Grape	13	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	20	DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
7	DMC 3011 Dark Khaki Green	14	DMC 922 Light Copper		

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6 inch hoop

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 ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

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