Vintage joy nativity for towels

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.7 × 3.1 in (11.9 × 7.9 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Stable roof, tunic, faces, headcloth, headband, hands, manger, swaddling, letter shades, star, letter balls, ribbon, holly leaves, and 5 more
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 4 strands
  Roof beam, floor, halos, staff, straw, letters, holly stems
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Light rays, mouth, brows, eyes, straw, star ray, bird feet, bird bill, bird cheek, bird eye light
- **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Outlines, tunic folds, face lines, eyes, headcloth stripes, hand lines, swaddling lines, ribbon edges, holly veins, bird outline, wing lines
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Joseph's cloak, beard, gown, mantle

Floss

- **DMC 3820 Dark Straw**
  Stable roof, ribbon, halos, star, light rays, straw, star ray and bird bill
- **DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Ribbon edges, manger, roof beam, staff, floor, face lines and beard and 3 more parts
- **DMC 3364 Pine Green** Tunic and holly veins
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Letters, outlines, bird outline, letter balls and bird eye, Joseph's cloak (dark)
- **DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green**
  Holly leaves, holly stems and tunic folds
- **DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue**
  Joseph's cloak (middle), bird wing and bird tail, mantle (dark)
- **DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue**
  Mantle (middle), bird back and swaddling lines, Joseph's cloak (light) and 1 more part
- **DMC 951 Light Tawny** Faces and hands
- **DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Letter shades, gown, bird breast and cheeks, mouth (lighter)
- **DMC 3371 Black Brown** Eyes
- **DMC 3755 Baby Blue**
  Mantle (light), headcloth, wing lines and bird cheek
- **DMC 3687 Mauve**
  Berries and headband, mouth (darker)
- **DMC BLANC White**
  Bird belly, swaddling and bird eye light

Stitches, continued

- **French knot**, 1 to 3 strands, two wraps
  Cheeks, berries, bird eye

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 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 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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1 in
25.4 mm

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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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