White winter tree with a squirrel

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



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

Stitch in this order

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

1. **Long and short stitch**
   strands by part on page 2
   Moon, hollow, squirrel tail, squirrel body, squirrel chest, squirrel head
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snow bank, squirrel ears, squirrel chest, nut
3. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Snow on the hollow, snow on the boughs
4. **Stem stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Twigs, bark, hollow rim, squirrel paws, ring
5. **Split stitch**, 2 strands
   Squirrel haunch
6. **Straight stitch**, strands by part on page 2
   Nut, squirrel eye
7. **French knot**
   strands by part on page 2, two wraps
   Squirrel eye, squirrel nose, frost

Floss

- **1 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow**
  Moon (lighter), squirrel chest
- **2 DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige** Moon (darker)
- **3 DMC 318 Light Steel Gray**
  Twigs (dark), bark (darkest)
- **4 DMC 336 Navy Blue** Twigs (darkest)
- **5 DMC 712 Cream**
  Bark and twigs (lightest), hollow rim (lighter)
- **6 DMC 415 Pearl Gray**
  Bark and twigs (light), hollow rim (darker)
- **7 DMC 932 Light Antique Blue**
  Snow bank (darkest), bark (dark)
- **8 DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue**
  Snow bank (dark), ring
- **9 DMC 3822 Light Straw** Hollow (light)
- **10 DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz**
  Hollow (dark), nut (lighter)
- **11 DMC 783 Medium Topaz** Hollow (middle)
- **12 DMC 400 Dark Mahogany**
  Squirrel tail (middle), squirrel body and squirrel head (dark)
- **13 DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany**
  Squirrel tail (dark), squirrel paws and squirrel haunch and 3 more parts
- **14 DMC 301 Medium Mahogany**
  Squirrel body and squirrel tail (light), squirrel head (middle), squirrel ears (lighter)
- **15 DMC 3776 Light Mahogany**
  Squirrel head (light), squirrel body (lightest)
- **16 DMC 3371 Black Brown**
  Squirrel eye (darker), squirrel nose
- **17 DMC B5200 Snow White**
  Snow bank (lightest), snow on the boughs, frost and snow on the hollow and 1 more part
- **18 DMC 3753 Ultra Very Light Antique Blue**
  Snow bank (light)

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

Long and short stitch. 2 strands: moon, hollow; 1 strand: squirrel tail, squirrel body, squirrel chest, squirrel head.
Stem stitch. 3 strands: hollow rim, squirrel paws; 2 or 3 strands: bark; 1 to 3 strands: twigs; 2 strands: ring.
Straight stitch. 2 strands: nut; 1 strand: squirrel eye.
French knot. 2 strands: squirrel eye; 1 strand: squirrel nose, frost.

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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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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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