Winterberry bow wreath

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.6 in (11.2 × 11.7 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: charcoal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

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

An embroidery needle, size 9.

21 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**, 2 strands
   Fir sprigs (color 1)

2. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: fir sprigs (colors 2, 3 and 4)
   2 strands: snow



3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Twig ring, leaves, bow tails, bow loops, bow knot



4. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: twigs, ribbon stripe
   1 strand: lines of the leaves

5. **Straight stitch**, 1 strand
   Berry highlights



6. **Split stitch**
   1 strand: bow folds
   2 strands: bow edges

7. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Berries



8. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Berry eyes



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

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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 433 Medium Brown	8	DMC 3031 Very Dark Mocha Brown	15	DMC 321 Red
2	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	9	DMC 920 Medium Copper	16	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
3	DMC 368 Light Pistachio Green	10	DMC 919 Red Copper	17	DMC 3032 Medium Mocha Brown
4	DMC 502 Blue Green	11	DMC 921 Copper	18	DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown
5	DMC BLANC White	12	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	19	DMC 3033 Very Light Mocha Brown
6	DMC 435 Very Light Brown	13	DMC 666 Bright Red	20	DMC 712 Cream
7	DMC 437 Light Tan	14	DMC 498 Dark Red	21	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray

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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 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

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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