African American woman in a headwrap

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	2,209	16	2
■	**782**	Dark Topaz	683	5	1
▲	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	415	3	1
◆	**3865**	Winter White	253	2	1
▼	**3834**	Dark Grape	201	2	1
★	**437**	Light Tan	200	2	1
❖	**632**	Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	196	2	1
X	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	192	2	1
O	**352**	Light Coral	137	1	1
+	**350**	Medium Coral	136	1	1
=	**3835**	Medium Grape	133	1	1
Z	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	123	1	1
A	**347**	Very Dark Salmon	100	1	1
V	**938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	87	1	1
T	**3363**	Medium Pine Green	62	1	1
N	**3772**	Very Dark Desert Sand	57	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 17 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 16 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 16 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 42 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

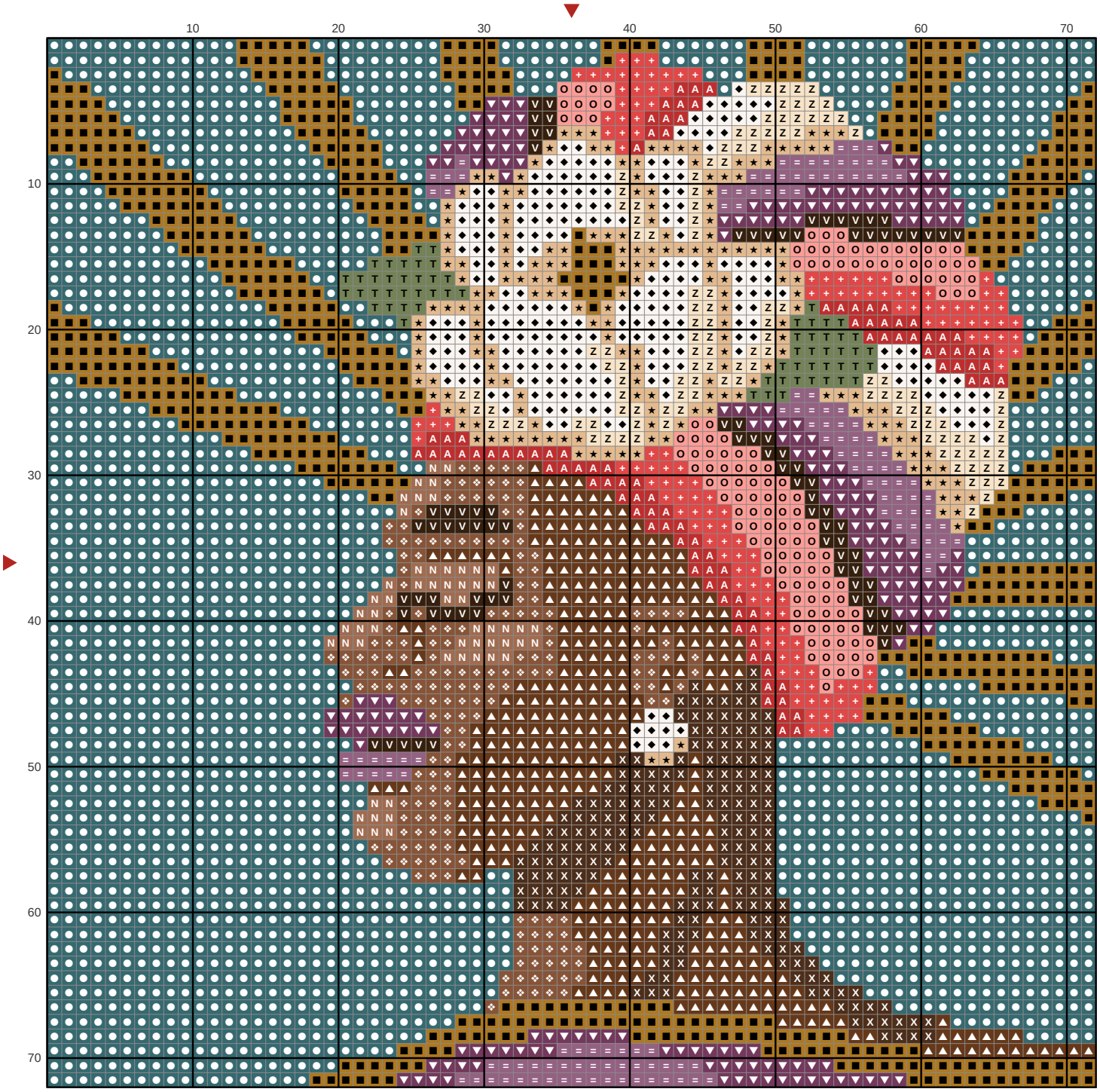
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 3835** Medium Grape
- **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- **DMC 347** Very Dark Salmon
- **DMC 938** Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 3363** Medium Pine Green
- **DMC 3772** Very Dark Desert Sand