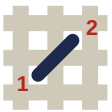
Two dolphins leaping at sunset

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



How to stitch it



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2. Lines in continental, right to left, the canvas upside down for the next row; wide areas in basketweave.
2. Cut 18 in of thread. Start and end it without a knot left behind.
3. Mark the middle of the canvas. It is the outlined square, column 36, row 36 (DMC 351): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: the board's edge hides them.

First time? How to needlepoint: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-start/
How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 8.5 in square (21.6 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 16 colors, about 16 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it an ornament: board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord.
How to finish an ornament.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**3687**	Mauve	639	1
□	**333**	Very Dark Blue Violet	611	1
▲	**352**	Light Coral	527	1
◆	**351**	Coral	495	1
▼	**712**	Cream	475	1
★	**3834**	Dark Grape	416	1
❖	**3854**	Medium Autumn Gold	400	1
X	**3835**	Medium Grape	399	1
H	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	260	1
+	**3746**	Dark Blue Violet	208	1
=	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	200	1
Z	**3855**	Light Autumn Gold	176	1
A	**160**	Medium Gray Blue	147	1
V	**598**	Light Turquoise	115	1
T	**159**	Light Gray Blue	72	1
N	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	44	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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

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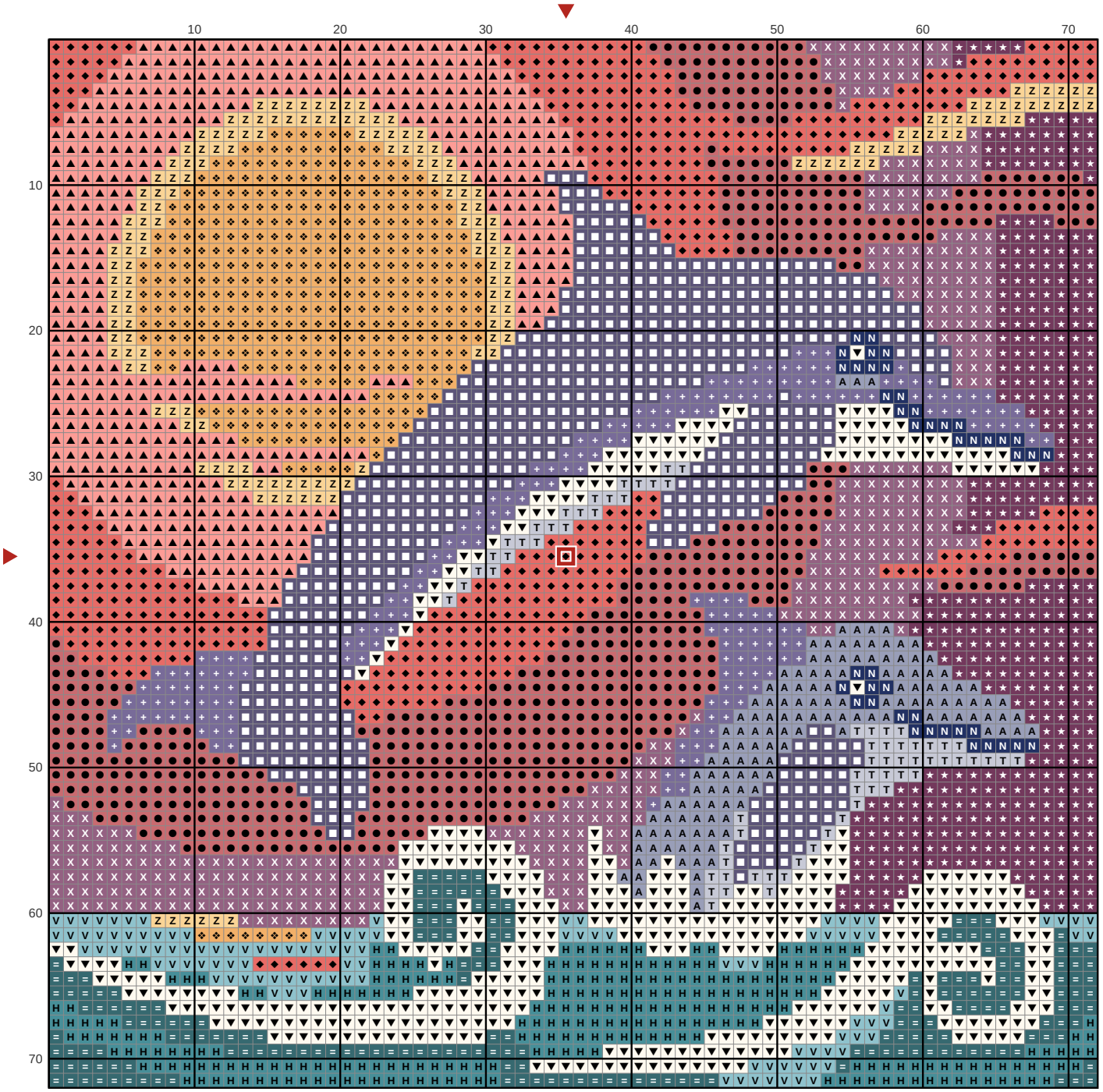
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3687** Mauve
- ■ **DMC 333** Very Dark Blue Violet
- ▲ **DMC 352** Light Coral
- ◆ **DMC 351** Coral
- ▼ **DMC 712** Cream
- ★ **DMC 3834** Dark Grape
- ❖ **DMC 3854** Medium Autumn Gold
- X **DMC 3835** Medium Grape
- H **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- \+ **DMC 3746** Dark Blue Violet
- = **DMC 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- Z **DMC 3855** Light Autumn Gold
- A **DMC 160** Medium Gray Blue
- V **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- T **DMC 159** Light Gray Blue
- N **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue