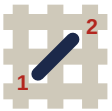
Decorated folk art Easter egg

Needlepoint pattern | 54 x 72 stitches | 3 x 4 in (7.6 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 9 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 27, row 36 (DMC 470): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color. Empty squares stay bare.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 938: 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 7.5 in wide x 8.5 in high (19.1 x 21.6 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 9 colors, about 9 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

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

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	918	1
■	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	772	1
▲	**DMC 938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	560	1
◆	**DMC 742**	Light Tangerine	200	1
▼	**DMC 987**	Dark Forest Green	142	1
★	**DMC 598**	Light Turquoise	126	1
❖	**DMC 470**	Light Avocado Green	116	1
X	**DMC 437**	Light Tan	72	1
H	**DMC 921**	Copper	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: 54 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline

