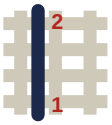
Bargello Easter egg

Needlepoint pattern | 54 x 72 canvas threads | 3 x 4 in (7.6 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 5 colors



How to stitch it



1. Each bar is one upright stitch over 4 canvas threads: up at 1, down at 2. A shorter bar is a shorter stitch.
2. Cut 18 in of thread. Start and end it without a knot left behind.
3. Mark the middle of the canvas. Start there with the row that has the heavy outline, out to both edges.
4. One square up is one canvas thread; one column is one line of holes.
5. Last, two rows of tent stitch all round in DMC 3854: the board's edge hides them.

The row to begin with, the one with the heavy outline, is in DMC 813. Going up from it the colors come in this order, and then again: 813, 955, 745, 3854, 351.

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: pearl cotton size 5, 5 colors, about 5 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 1 length.

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

First time? What is bargello: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/what-is-bargello/#how-to-begin

Thread list

			squares	skeins of pearl
▲	**DMC 745**	Light Pale Yellow	634	1
◆	**DMC 955**	Light Nile Green	617	1
■	**DMC 3854**	Medium Autumn Gold	588	1
▼	**DMC 813**	Light Blue	567	1
●	**DMC 351**	Coral	544	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.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Bargello Easter egg

Needlepoint pattern

Chart: 54 x 72 canvas threads

