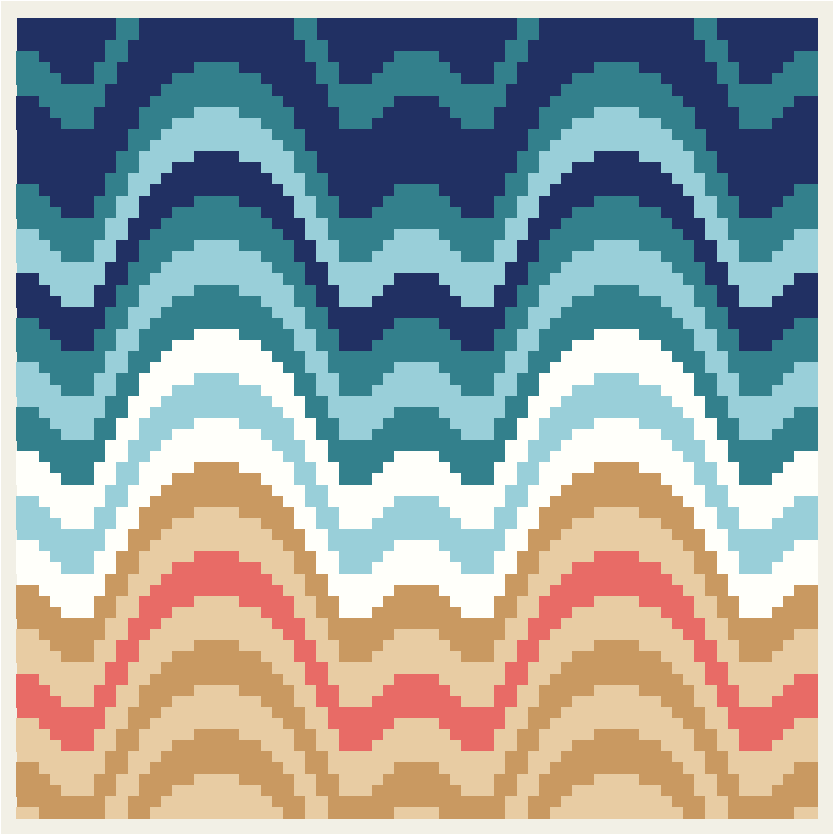
Sea to sand bargello, easy

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 canvas threads | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 7 colors



Thread key

			squares	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 3765**	Very Dark Peacock Blue	1,032	5	1
□	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	952	5	1
▲	**DMC 3766**	Light Peacock Blue	864	4	1
◆	**DMC 738**	Very Light Tan	804	4	1
▼	**DMC 436**	Tan	668	4	1
★	**DMC BLANC**	White	576	3	1
❖	**DMC 351**	Coral	288	2	1

Each upright stitch covers 4 canvas threads; some along the top and bottom edges are shorter, to end at the edge. One chart square is one canvas thread.

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 chart squares stitched 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 7 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 7 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 7 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 27 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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Chart: 72 x 72 canvas threads

