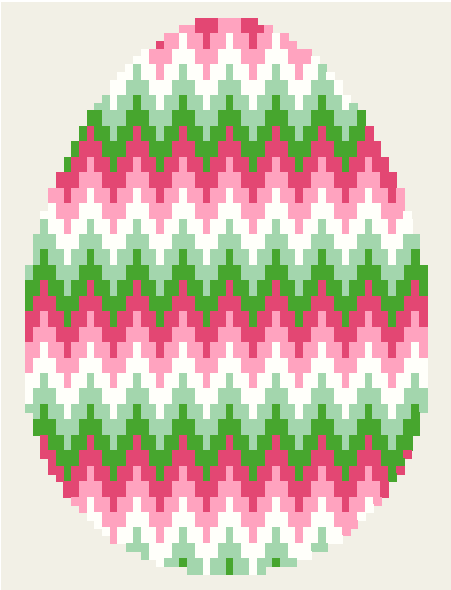
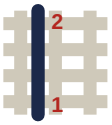
Zigzag bargello Easter egg

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 BLANC: the board's edge hides them.

The row to begin with, the one with the heavy outline, is in DMC 602. Going up from it the colors come in this order, and then again: 602, 702, 955, BLANC, 603.

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

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.

Thread list

			squares	skeins of pearl
▲	**DMC BLANC**	White	620	1
■	**DMC 603**	Cranberry	609	1
◆	**DMC 955**	Light Nile Green	589	1
●	**DMC 602**	Medium Cranberry	574	1
▼	**DMC 702**	Kelly Green	558	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 canvas threads

