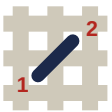
Baseball ornament

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 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 BLANC): 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 815: 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, 14 colors, about 15 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
●	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,040	1
■	**815**	Medium Garnet	761	2
▲	**BLANC**	White	644	1
◆	**3866**	Ultra Very Light Mocha	431	1
▼	**321**	Red	326	1
★	**3033**	Very Light Mocha Brown	305	1
❖	**3347**	Medium Yellow Green	152	1
X	**3345**	Dark Hunter Green	140	1
H	**3023**	Light Brown Gray	84	1
+	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	72	1
=	**3821**	Straw	46	1
Z	**783**	Medium Topaz	34	1
A	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	16	1
V	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	9	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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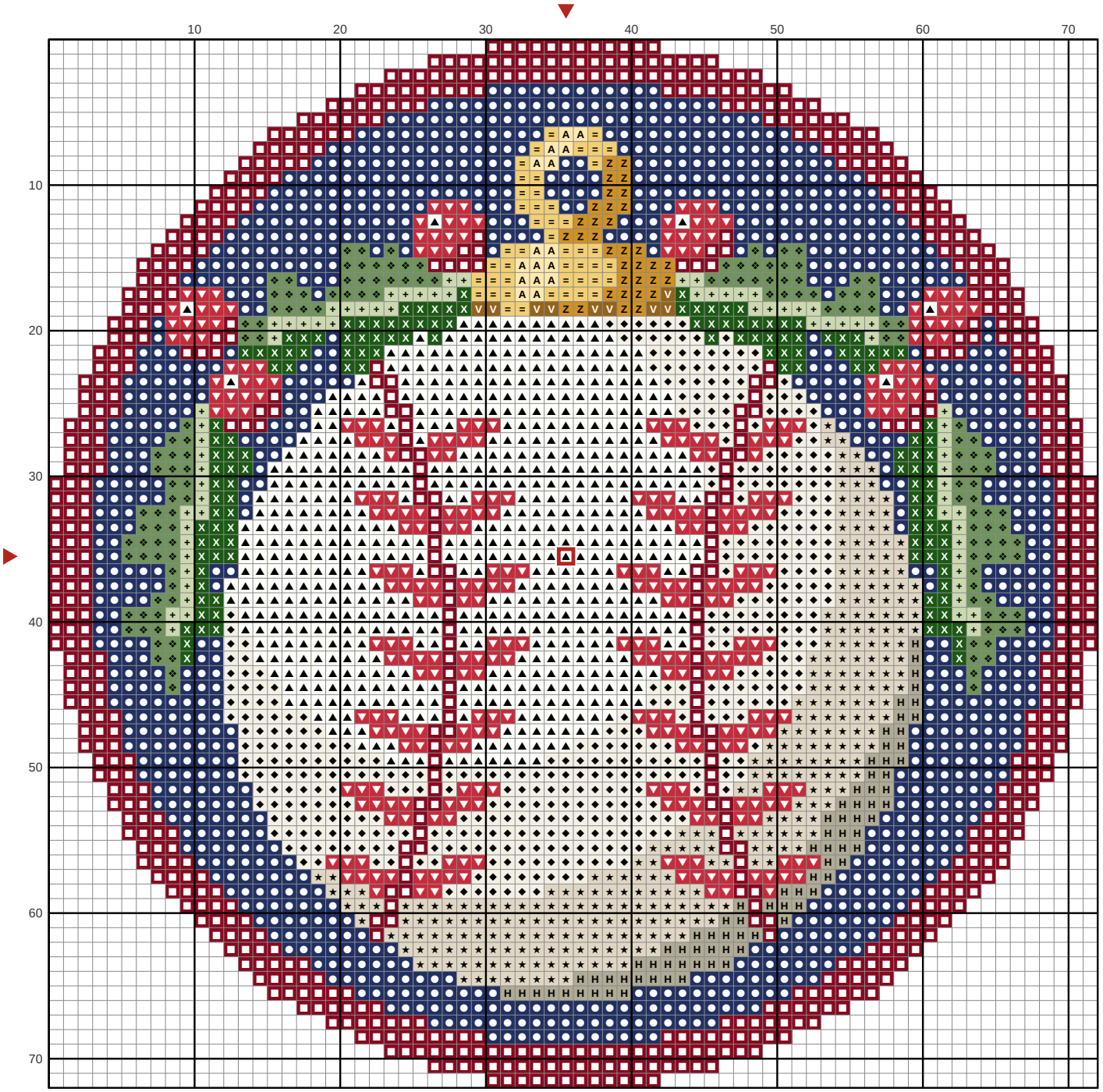
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 3866** Ultra Very Light Mocha
- **DMC 321** Red
- **DMC 3033** Very Light Mocha Brown
- **DMC 3347** Medium Yellow Green
- **DMC 3345** Dark Hunter Green
- **DMC 3023** Light Brown Gray
- **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- **DMC 3821** Straw
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 780** Ultra Very Dark Topaz