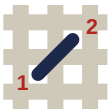
Basketball ornament

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 310): 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 310: 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, 16 colors, about 17 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
●	**310**	Black	1,386	2
□	**666**	Bright Red	498	1
▲	**815**	Medium Garnet	316	1
◆	**971**	Pumpkin	315	1
▼	**741**	Medium Tangerine	308	1
★	**797**	Royal Blue	240	1
❖	**909**	Very Dark Emerald Green	189	1
X	**921**	Copper	160	1
H	**912**	Light Emerald Green	155	1
+	**743**	Medium Yellow	140	1
=	**995**	Dark Electric Blue	112	1
Z	**351**	Coral	74	1
A	**919**	Red Copper	65	1
V	**3766**	Light Peacock Blue	44	1
T	**747**	Very Light Sky Blue	44	1
N	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	14	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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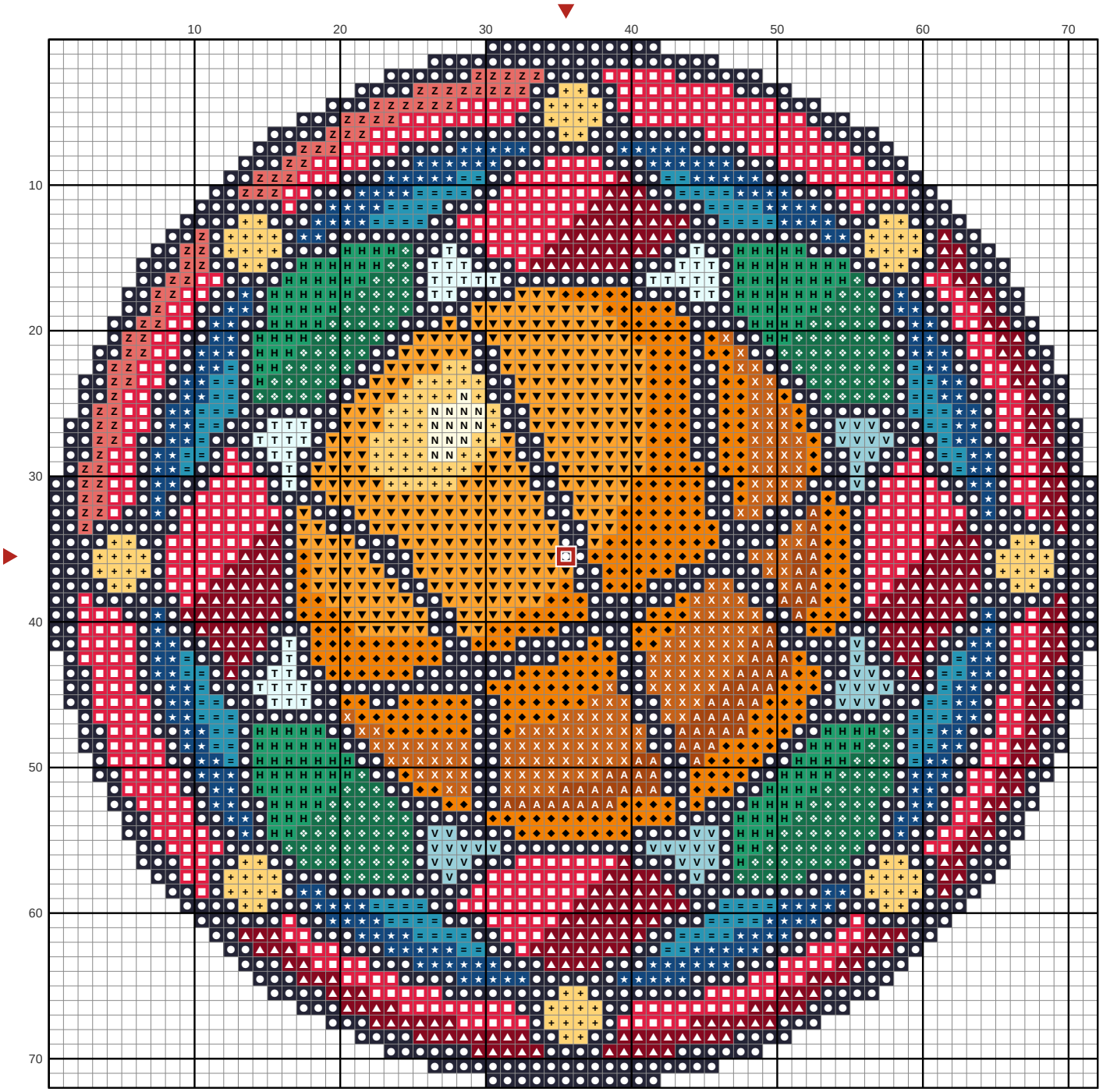
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- **DMC 741** Medium Tangerine
- **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- **DMC 909** Very Dark Emerald Green
- **DMC 921** Copper
- **DMC 912** Light Emerald Green
- **DMC 743** Medium Yellow
- **DMC 995** Dark Electric Blue
- **DMC 351** Coral
- **DMC 919** Red Copper
- **DMC 3766** Light Peacock Blue
- **DMC 747** Very Light Sky Blue
- **DMC 3823** Ultra Pale Yellow