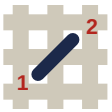
Musician's ornament: violin and holly

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 648): 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 939: 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 18 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
●	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	2,132	3
■	**3865**	Winter White	299	1
▲	**976**	Medium Golden Brown	231	1
◆	**3371**	Black Brown	190	1
▼	**301**	Medium Mahogany	175	1
★	**3782**	Light Mocha Brown	167	1
❖	**300**	Very Dark Mahogany	151	1
X	**319**	Very Dark Pistachio Green	150	1
H	**3827**	Pale Golden Brown	115	1
+	**988**	Medium Forest Green	110	1
=	**648**	Light Beaver Gray	84	1
Z	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	74	1
A	**666**	Bright Red	72	1
V	**840**	Medium Beige Brown	56	1
T	**498**	Dark Red	36	1
N	**3705**	Dark Melon	18	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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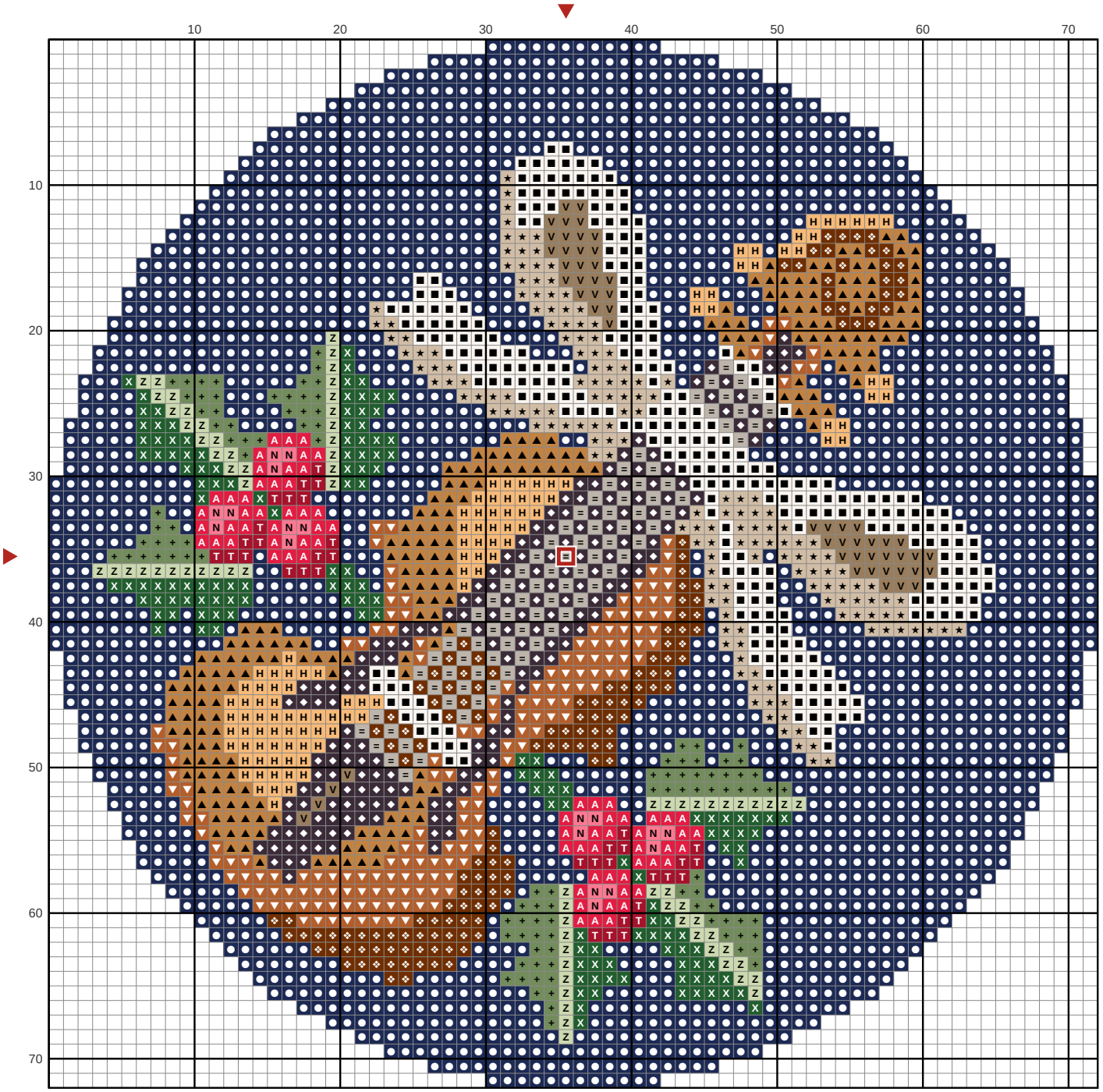
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
- DMC 3865 Winter White
- DMC 976 Medium Golden Brown
- DMC 3371 Black Brown
- DMC 301 Medium Mahogany
- DMC 3782 Light Mocha Brown
- DMC 300 Very Dark Mahogany
- DMC 319 Very Dark Pistachio Green
- DMC 3827 Pale Golden Brown
- DMC 988 Medium Forest Green
- DMC 648 Light Beaver Gray
- DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
- DMC 666 Bright Red
- DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown
- DMC 498 Dark Red
- DMC 3705 Dark Melon