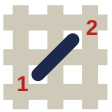
Blue and white cake with counted candles

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



How to stitch it



1. Each square is one tent stitch: up at 1, down at 2. Work a row right to left, then turn the canvas upside down for the next.
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.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: 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, 7 colors, about 9 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

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 799**	Medium Delft Blue	1,528	2
▼	**DMC BLANC**	White	1,173	2
▲	**DMC 800**	Pale Delft Blue	650	1
■	**DMC 809**	Delft Blue	610	1
★	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	588	1
❖	**DMC 798**	Dark Delft Blue	495	1
◆	**DMC 726**	Light Topaz	140	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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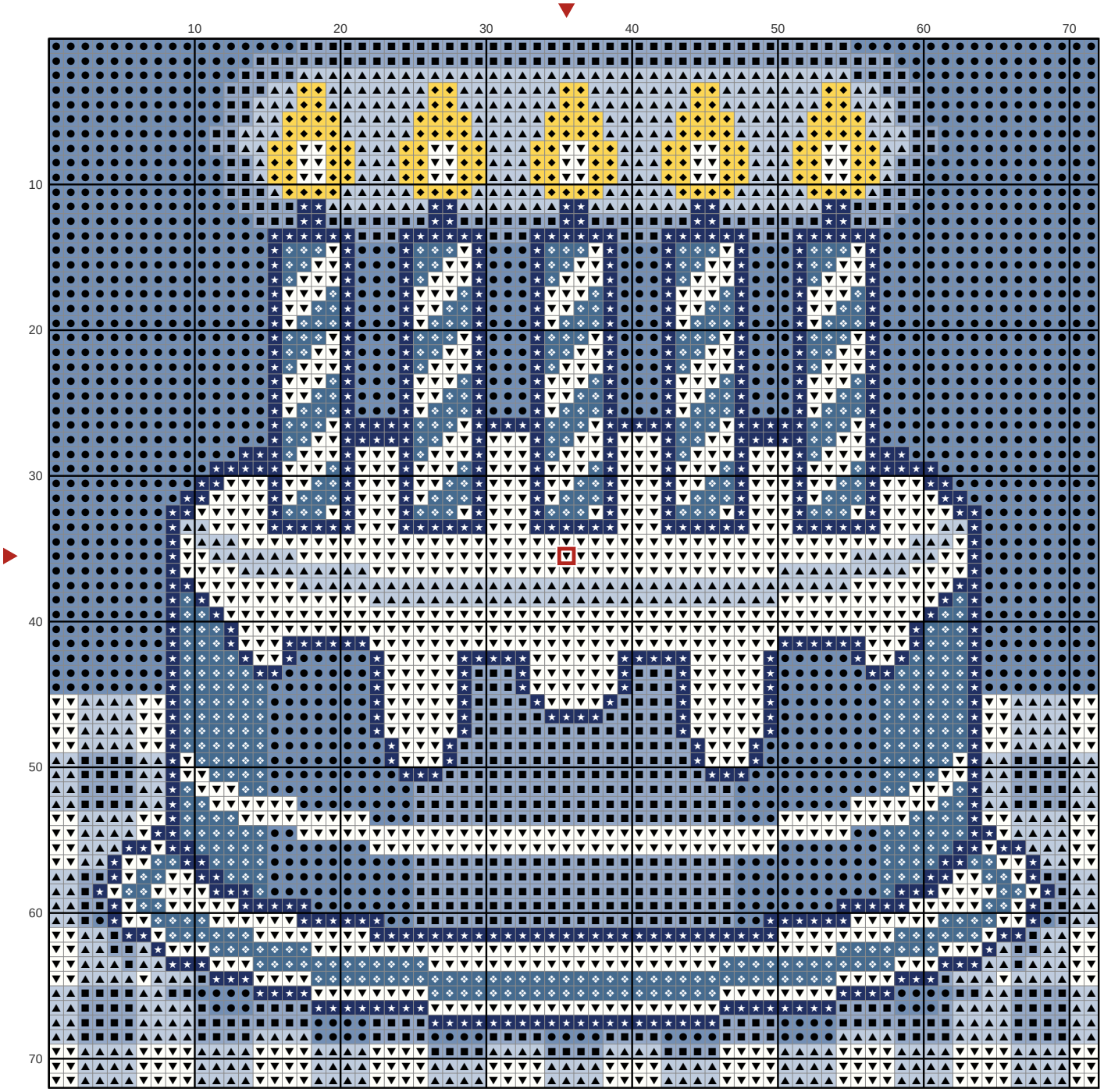

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