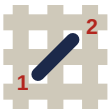
Button ornament

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 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 712): 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 312: 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, 15 colors, about 16 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
●	312	Very Dark Baby Blue	771	2
■	349	Dark Coral	692	1
▲	712	Cream	542	1
◆	815	Medium Garnet	375	1
▼	304	Medium Red	323	1
★	351	Coral	306	1
❖	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	299	1
X	3820	Dark Straw	254	1
H	987	Dark Forest Green	160	1
+	3348	Light Yellow Green	128	1
=	989	Forest Green	56	1
Z	3326	Light Rose	56	1
A	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	42	1
V	780	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	32	1
T	309	Ultra Very Dark Rose	24	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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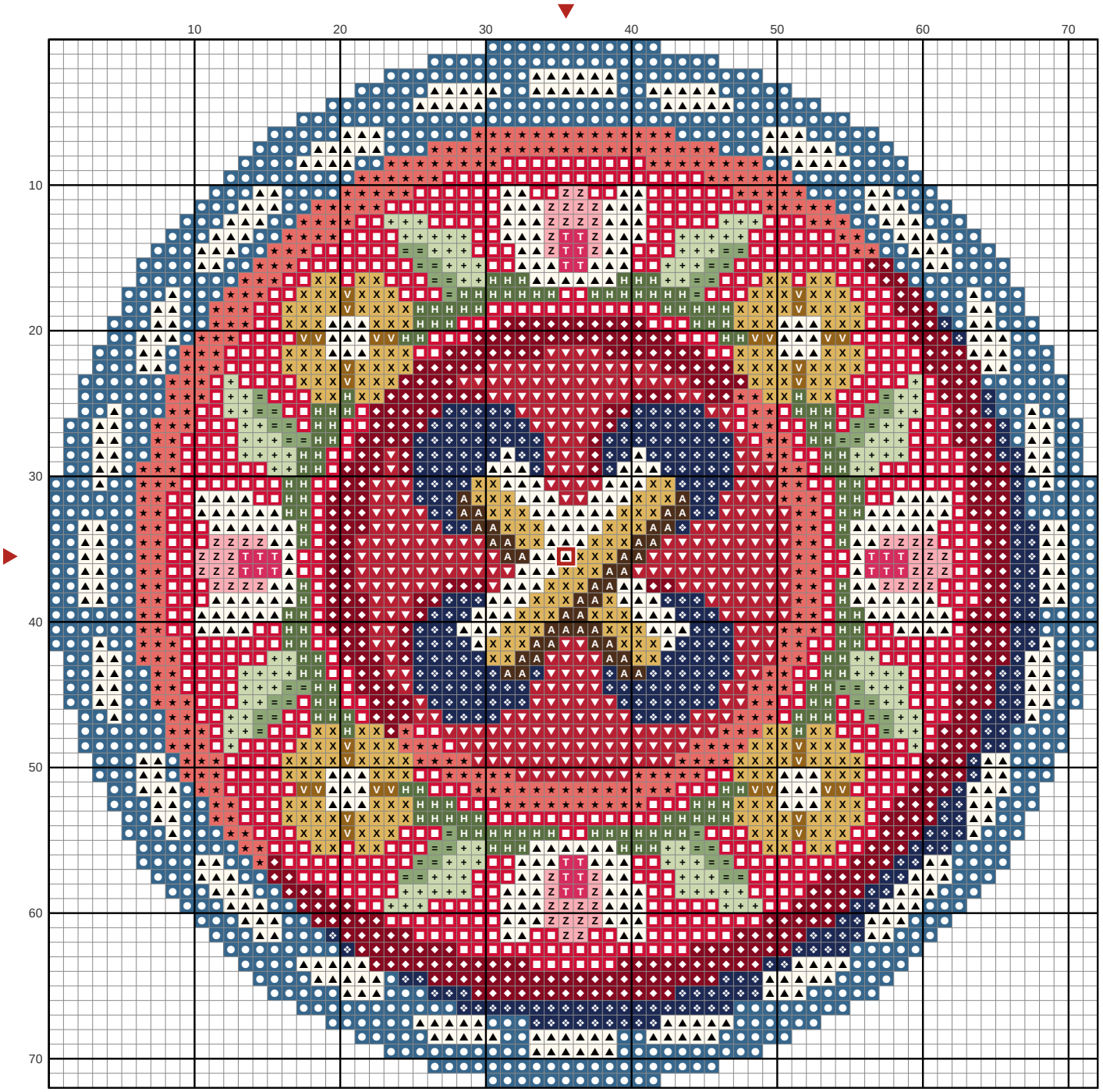
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 312** Very Dark Baby Blue
- **DMC 349** Dark Coral
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 304** Medium Red
- **DMC 351** Coral
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 3820** Dark Straw
- **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green
- **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- **DMC 989** Forest Green
- **DMC 3326** Light Rose
- **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 780** Ultra Very Dark Topaz
- **DMC 309** Ultra Very Dark Rose