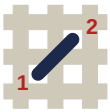
Mouse asleep on a watermelon moon

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 842): 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, 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
●	823	Dark Navy Blue	1,567	2
■	760	Salmon	651	1
▲	3866	Ultra Very Light Mocha	463	1
◆	336	Navy Blue	335	1
▼	842	Very Light Beige Brown	318	1
★	333	Very Dark Blue Violet	314	1
❖	209	Dark Lavender	286	1
X	350	Medium Coral	234	1
H	744	Pale Yellow	232	1
+	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	210	1
=	369	Very Light Pistachio Green	165	1
Z	841	Light Beige Brown	98	1
A	783	Medium Topaz	87	1
V	702	Kelly Green	87	1
T	839	Dark Beige Brown	82	1
N	817	Very Dark Coral Red	55	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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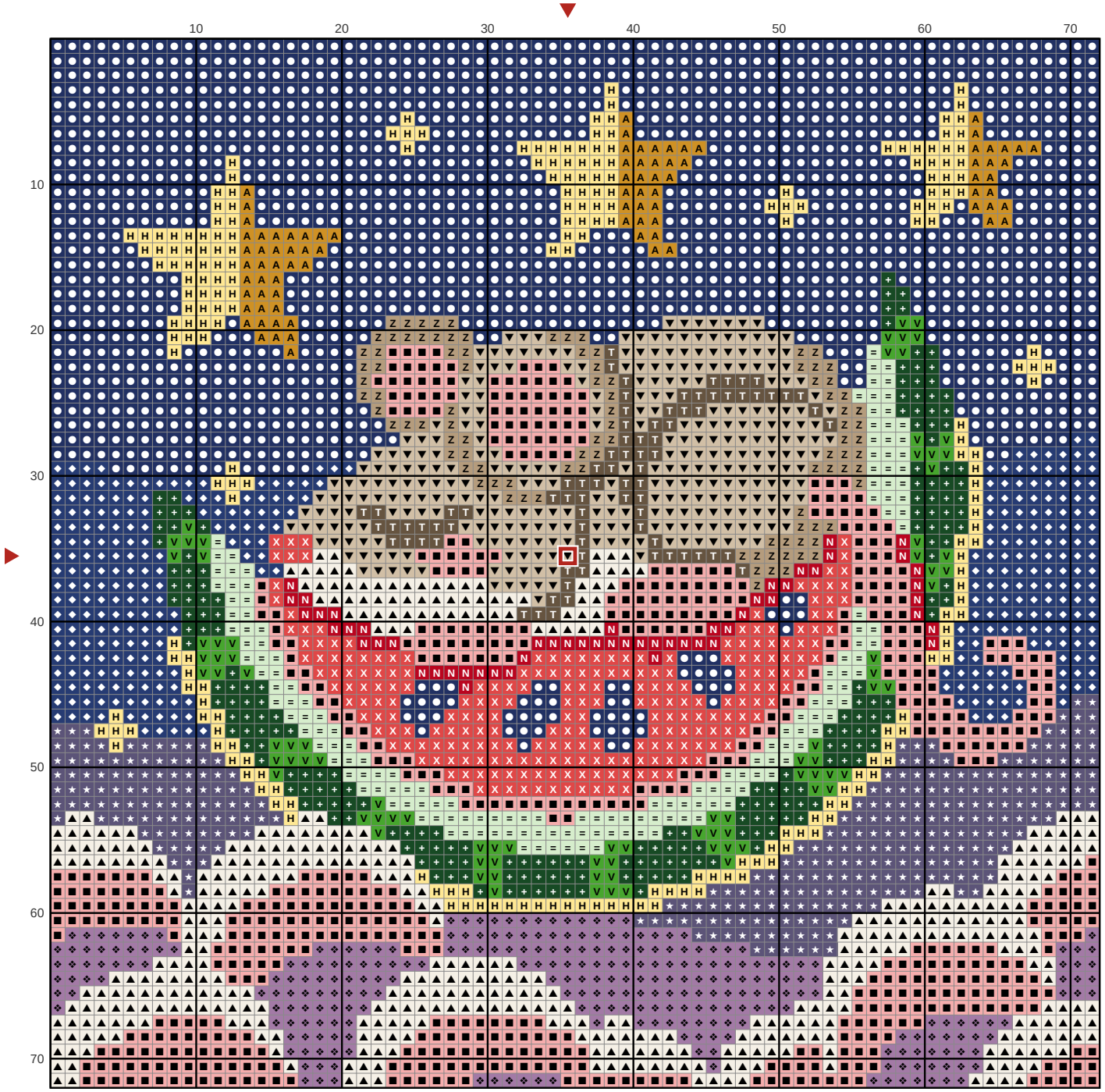
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- ■ **DMC 760** Salmon
- ▲ **DMC 3866** Ultra Very Light Mocha
- ◆ **DMC 336** Navy Blue
- ▼ **DMC 842** Very Light Beige Brown
- ★ **DMC 333** Very Dark Blue Violet
- ❖ **DMC 209** Dark Lavender
- X **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- H **DMC 744** Pale Yellow
- \+ **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- = **DMC 369** Very Light Pistachio Green
- Z **DMC 841** Light Beige Brown
- A **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- V **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- T **DMC 839** Dark Beige Brown
- N **DMC 817** Very Dark Coral Red