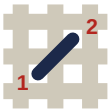
O holy night shepherds and star

Needlepoint pattern | 104 x 130 stitches | 8 x 10 in (20.3 x 25.4 cm) on 13 mesh | 22 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 on page 2, column 52, row 65 (DMC 208): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. When it is done, block it square.

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How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 12 in wide x 14 in high (30.5 x 35.6 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 20. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 22 colors, about 31 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 7 strands (8 if canvas shows).

Frame it: acid-free board and a frame.
How to frame needlepoint.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	823	Dark Navy Blue	1,973	3
■	29	Eggplant	1,689	3
▲	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	1,384	3
◆	208	Very Dark Lavender	1,307	2
▼	745	Light Pale Yellow	1,195	2
★	3836	Light Grape	827	2
❖	3790	Ultra Dark Beige Gray	640	1
X	3855	Light Autumn Gold	596	1
H	500	Very Dark Blue Green	518	1
+	BLANC	White	502	1
=	778	Very Light Antique Mauve	421	1
Z	300	Very Dark Mahogany	380	1
A	501	Dark Blue Green	333	1
V	3371	Black Brown	325	1
T	3810	Dark Turquoise	218	1
N	3808	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	212	1
S	3863	Medium Mocha Beige	196	1
K	815	Medium Garnet	192	1
E	433	Medium Brown	189	1
C	347	Very Dark Salmon	162	1
P	3743	Very Light Antique Violet	155	1
U	920	Medium Copper	106	1

Skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 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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Columns 1 to 104, rows 1 to 65. Start at the red outline

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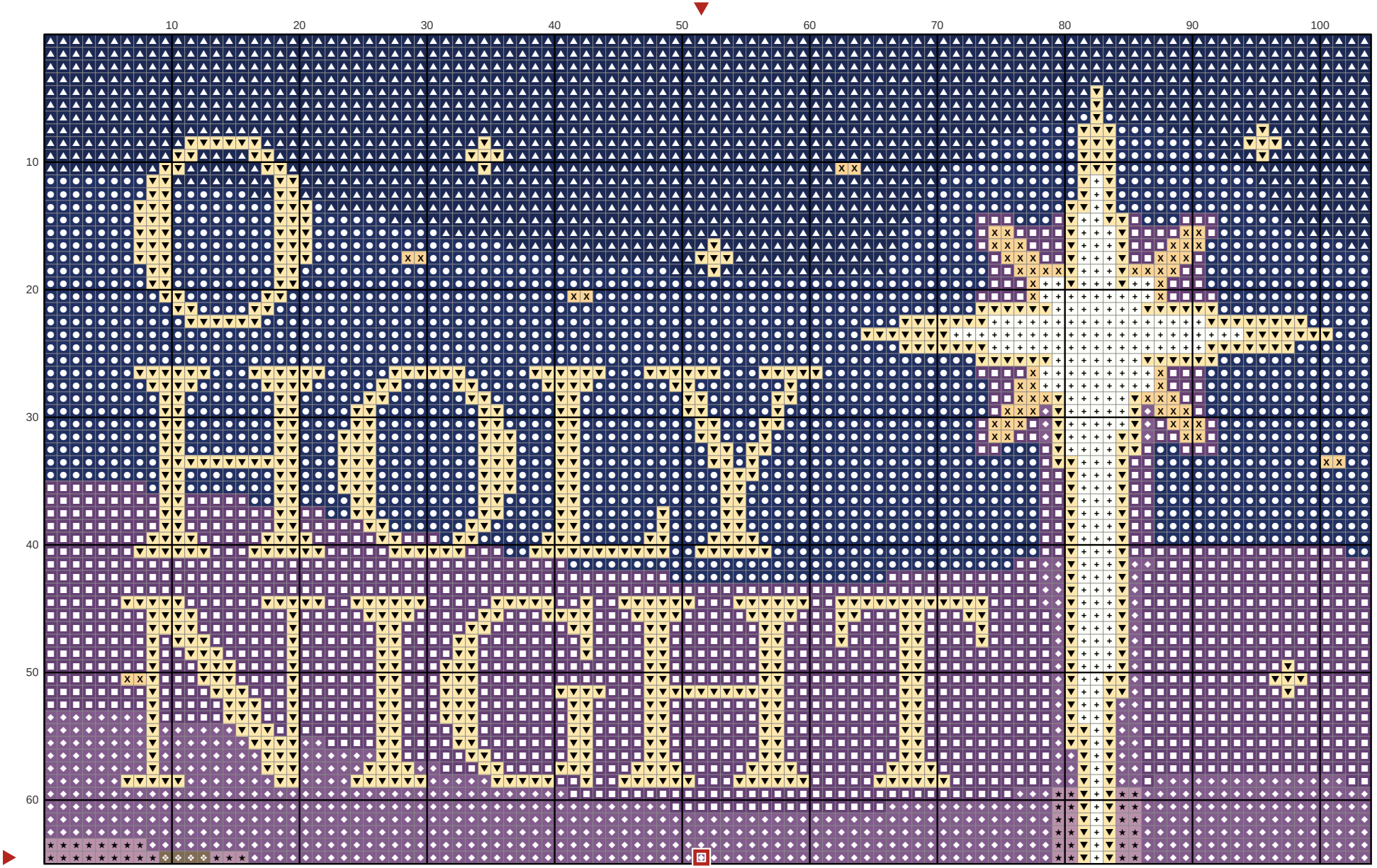

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