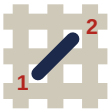
Sun and moon cufflinks

Needlepoint pattern | 98 x 45 stitches | all pieces 5.4 x 2.5 in (13.8 x 6.4 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 each canvas. It is that piece's outlined square: 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 each piece in DMC 780: the seam 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), a piece for each: left and right each 7 in square.

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 7 colors, about 7 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it a stand-up: backing fabric, stuffing, an oval of board for the base, pellets to weight it, and cord. How to finish a stand-up.

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,196	1
■	**DMC 725**	Medium Light Topaz	855	1
▲	**DMC 780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	456	1
◆	**DMC 727**	Very Light Topaz	350	1
▼	**DMC 746**	Off White	146	1
★	**DMC 970**	Light Pumpkin	128	1
❖	**DMC 783**	Medium Topaz	31	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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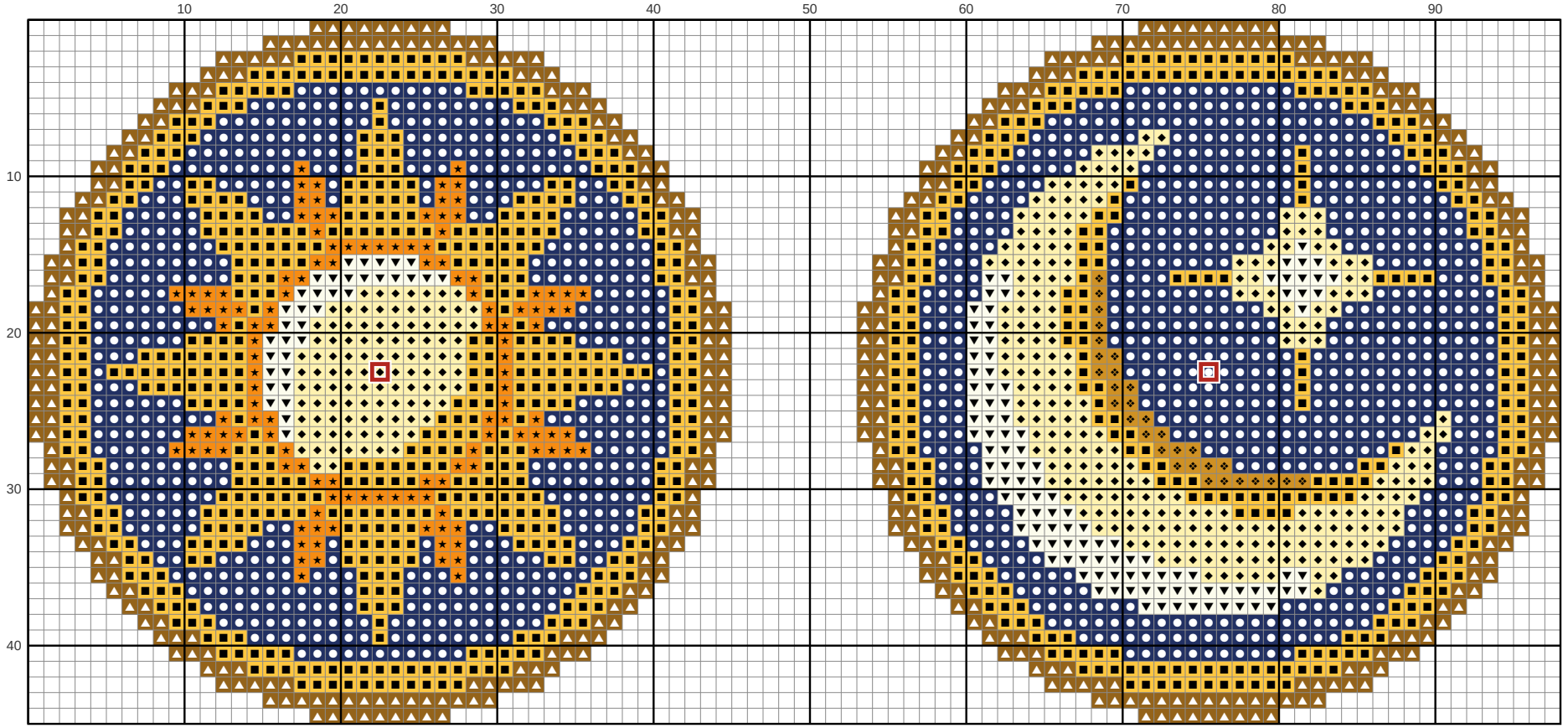
Chart: 98 x 45 stitches. Start at the red outlines



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