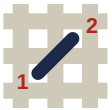
Japan travel round, gate in the water

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 931): 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 310: 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 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
●	**310**	Black	656	1
■	**676**	Light Old Gold	550	1
▲	**931**	Medium Antique Blue	430	1
◆	**3852**	Very Dark Straw	402	1
▼	**503**	Medium Blue Green	332	1
★	**606**	Bright Orange-Red	328	1
❖	**817**	Very Dark Coral Red	293	1
X	**3865**	Winter White	249	1
H	**947**	Burnt Orange	189	1
+	**920**	Medium Copper	176	1
=	**3813**	Light Blue Green	129	1
Z	**932**	Light Antique Blue	90	1
A	**3752**	Very Light Antique Blue	90	1
V	**677**	Very Light Old Gold	56	1
T	**3346**	Hunter Green	52	1
N	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	38	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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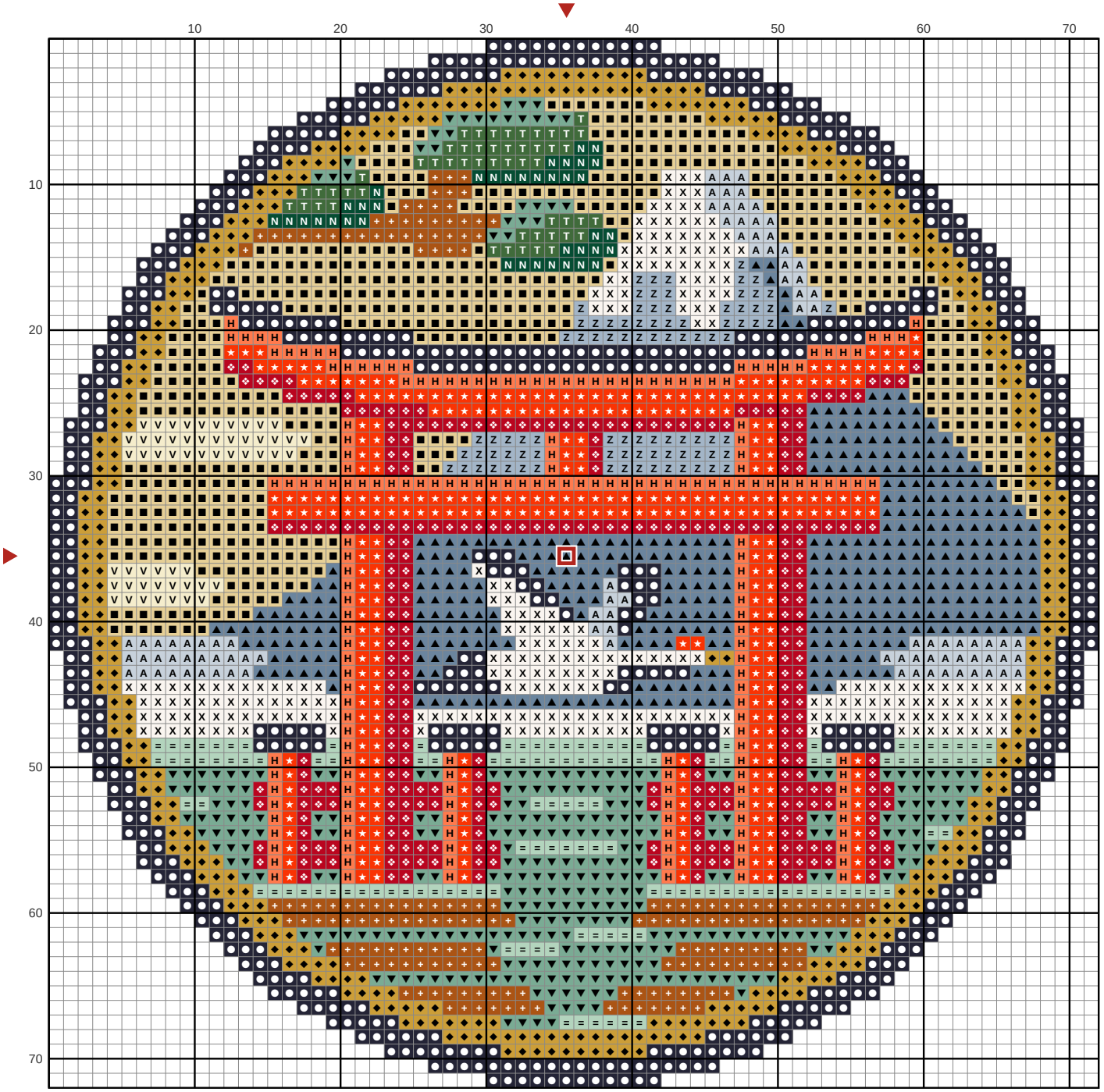
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- **DMC 676** Light Old Gold
- **DMC 931** Medium Antique Blue
- **DMC 3852** Very Dark Straw
- **DMC 503** Medium Blue Green
- **DMC 606** Bright Orange-Red
- **DMC 817** Very Dark Coral Red
- **DMC 3865** Winter White
- **DMC 947** Burnt Orange
- **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- **DMC 3813** Light Blue Green
- **DMC 932** Light Antique Blue
- **DMC 3752** Very Light Antique Blue
- **DMC 677** Very Light Old Gold
- **DMC 3346** Hunter Green
- **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green