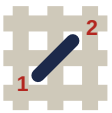
Classic backpack

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 890): 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 in DMC 745: 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, 13 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
●	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	3,345	4
H	**987**	Dark Forest Green	511	1
■	**433**	Medium Brown	302	1
X	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	280	1
❖	**522**	Fern Green	184	1
◆	**436**	Tan	177	1
▼	**666**	Bright Red	148	1
★	**498**	Dark Red	73	1
▲	**351**	Coral	70	1
+	**783**	Medium Topaz	52	1
Z	**415**	Pearl Gray	20	1
A	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	16	1
=	**BLANC**	White	6	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 522** Fern Green
- ◆ **DMC 436** Tan
- ▼ **DMC 666** Bright Red
- ★ **DMC 498** Dark Red
- ▲ **DMC 351** Coral
- \+ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- Z **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- A **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
- = **DMC BLANC** White