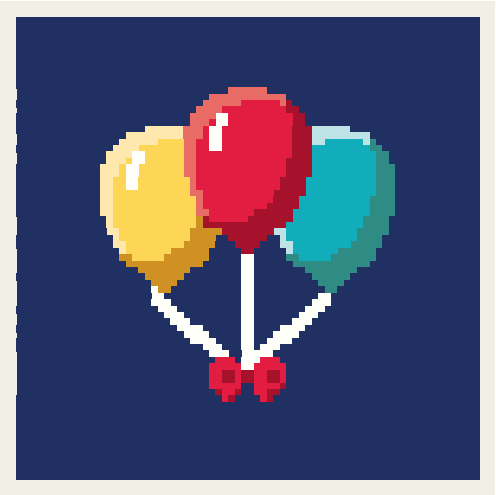
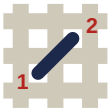
Classic balloons

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 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 498): 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 823: 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, 11 colors, about 14 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	4,000	4
▲	**666**	Bright Red	258	1
H	**3844**	Dark Bright Turquoise	188	1
X	**726**	Light Topaz	180	1
▼	**BLANC**	White	126	1
◆	**498**	Dark Red	122	1
+	**3812**	Very Dark Seagreen	103	1
=	**783**	Medium Topaz	63	1
■	**351**	Coral	62	1
★	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	58	1
❖	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	24	1

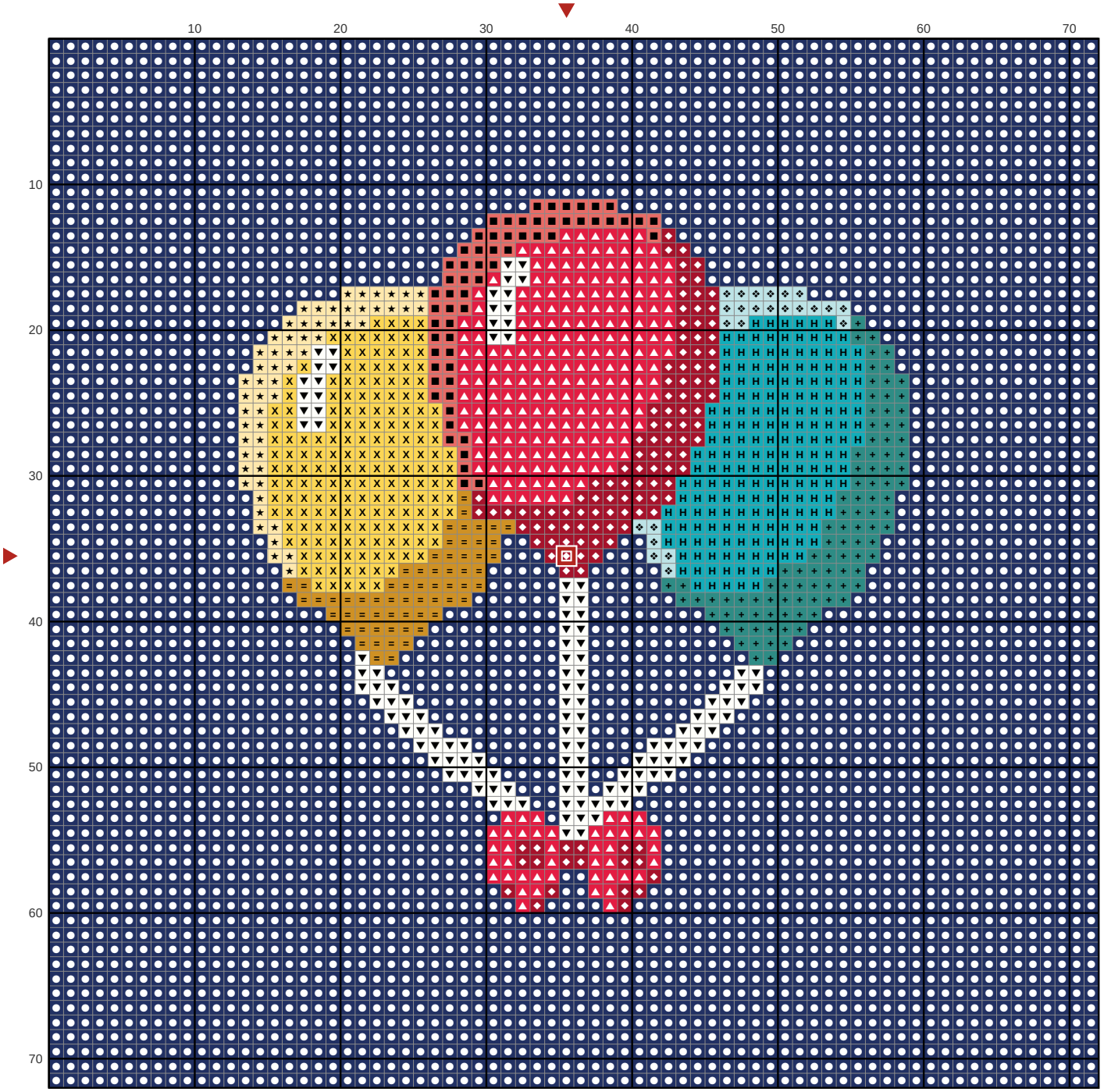
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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 666** Bright Red
- H **DMC 3844** Dark Bright Turquoise
- X **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- ▼ **DMC BLANC** White
- ◆ **DMC 498** Dark Red
- \+ **DMC 3812** Very Dark Seagreen
- = **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ■ **DMC 351** Coral
- ★ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- ❖ **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise