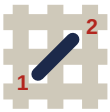
Classic honey bee on honeycomb

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 782): 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, each stitch in the color it lies beside: 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 17 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
●	**712**	Cream	1,526	2
■	**676**	Light Old Gold	912	1
▲	**677**	Very Light Old Gold	633	1
◆	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	462	1
▼	**782**	Dark Topaz	273	1
★	**3821**	Straw	248	1
❖	**931**	Medium Antique Blue	216	1
X	**742**	Light Tangerine	209	1
H	**783**	Medium Topaz	185	1
+	**932**	Light Antique Blue	122	1
=	**3756**	Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	92	1
Z	**976**	Medium Golden Brown	86	1
A	**3371**	Black Brown	82	1
V	**433**	Medium Brown	65	1
T	**3752**	Very Light Antique Blue	47	1
N	**3827**	Pale Golden Brown	26	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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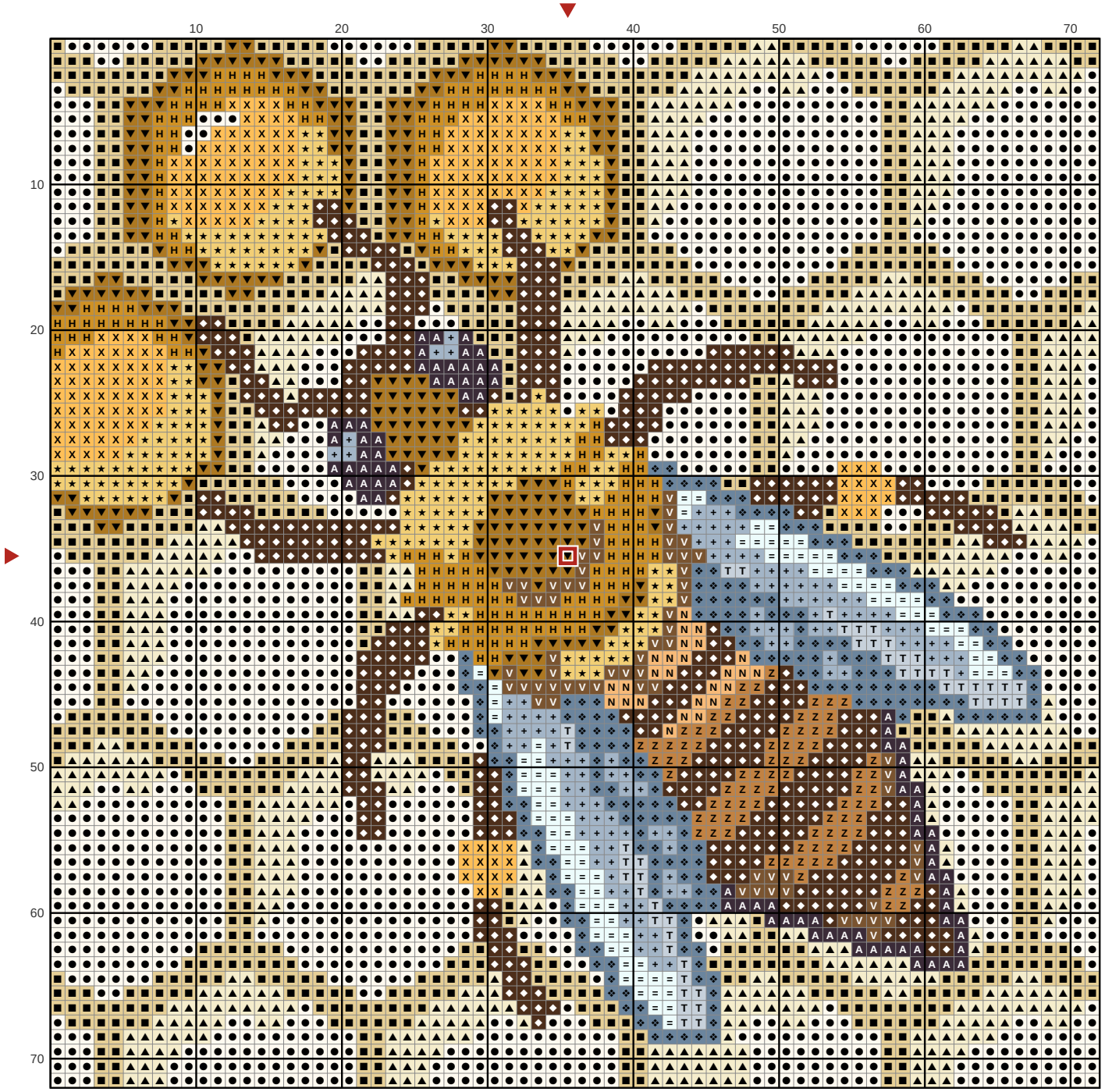
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 712** Cream
- ■ **DMC 676** Light Old Gold
- ▲ **DMC 677** Very Light Old Gold
- ◆ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- ▼ **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- ★ **DMC 3821** Straw
- ❖ **DMC 931** Medium Antique Blue
- X **DMC 742** Light Tangerine
- H **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- \+ **DMC 932** Light Antique Blue
- = **DMC 3756** Ultra Very Light Baby Blue
- Z **DMC 976** Medium Golden Brown
- A **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- V **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- T **DMC 3752** Very Light Antique Blue
- N **DMC 3827** Pale Golden Brown