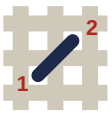
Classic bicycle

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 818): 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 818: 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
●	**818**	Baby Pink	4,374	4
A	**310**	Black	218	1
H	**597**	Turquoise	178	1
Z	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	114	1
=	**783**	Medium Topaz	66	1
+	**728**	Topaz	54	1
▲	**603**	Cranberry	42	1
★	**433**	Medium Brown	41	1
❖	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	26	1
X	**702**	Kelly Green	24	1
■	**BLANC**	White	19	1
▼	**602**	Medium Cranberry	16	1
◆	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	12	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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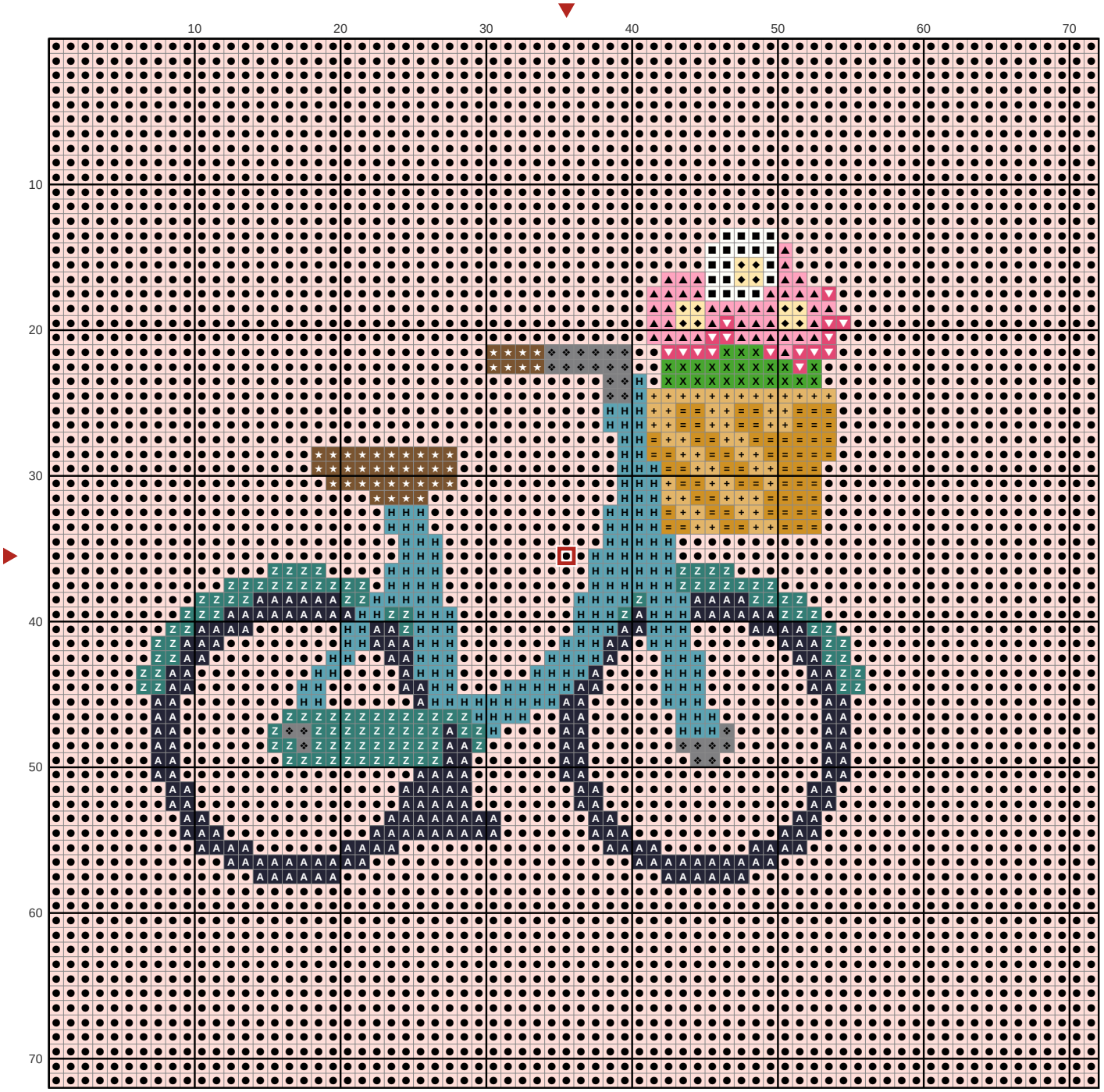
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- **A** **DMC 310** Black
- **H** **DMC 597** Turquoise
- **Z** **DMC 3847** Dark Teal Green
- **=** **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **+** **DMC 728** Topaz
- ▲ **DMC 603** Cranberry
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