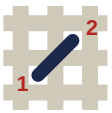
Classic London taxi

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 3799): 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 666: 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, 12 colors, about 15 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
●	**666**	Bright Red	3,838	4
★	**310**	Black	693	1
■	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	280	1
▼	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	129	1
❖	**800**	Pale Delft Blue	103	1
H	**415**	Pearl Gray	55	1
X	**809**	Delft Blue	37	1
▲	**726**	Light Topaz	16	1
Z	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	15	1
◆	**783**	Medium Topaz	8	1
=	**970**	Light Pumpkin	6	1
+	**BLANC**	White	4	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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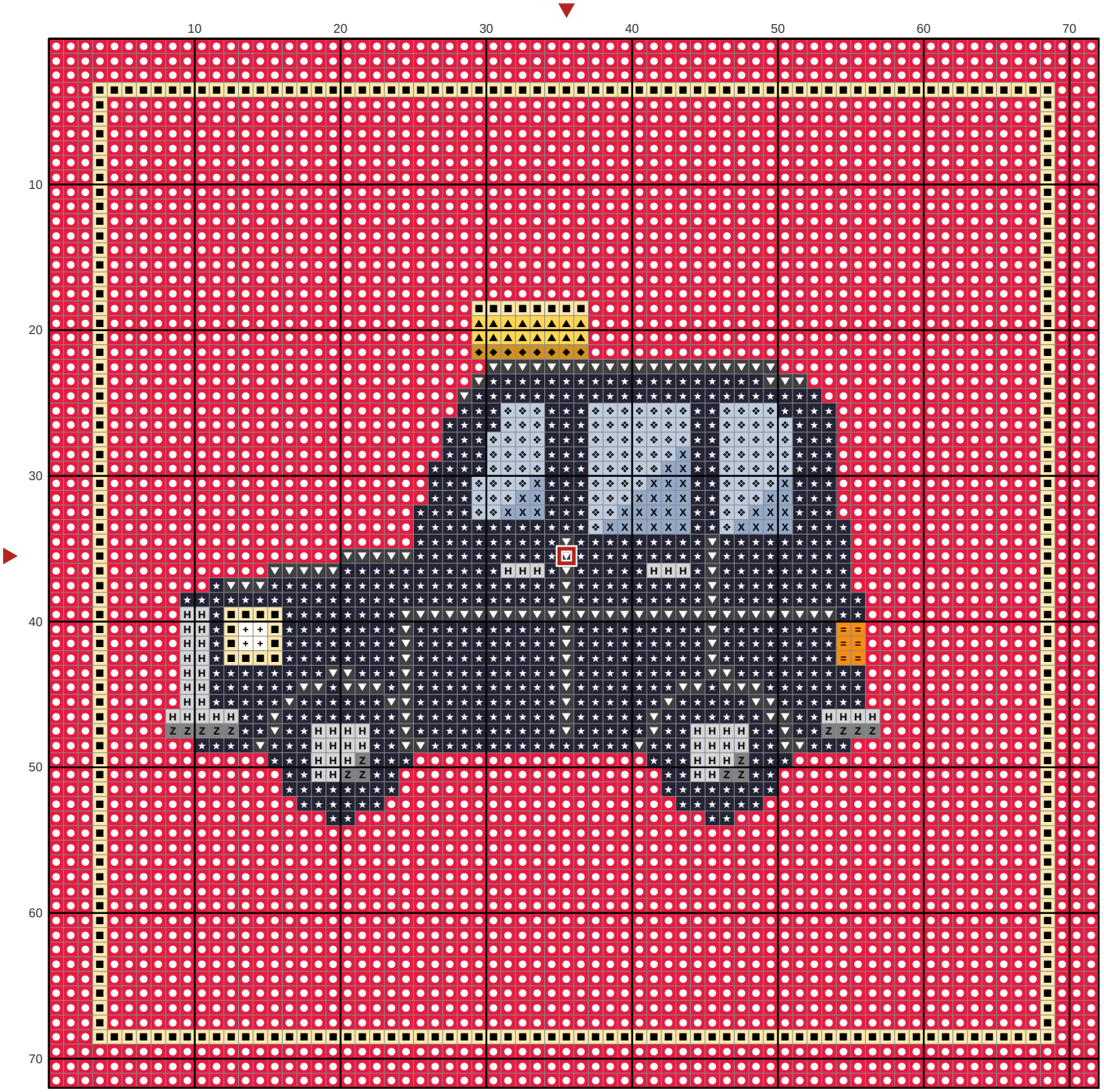
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 666** Bright Red
- **DMC 310** Black
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- **DMC 800** Pale Delft Blue
- **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- **DMC 809** Delft Blue
- **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- **DMC BLANC** White