Classic black swan

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 10 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 800**	Pale Delft Blue	2,712	19	3
▲	**DMC 310**	Black	973	7	1
X	**DMC 931**	Medium Antique Blue	742	6	1
O	**DMC 809**	Delft Blue	230	2	1
■	**DMC 3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	190	2	1
+	**DMC 798**	Dark Delft Blue	140	1	1
▼	**DMC BLANC**	White	123	1	1
❖	**DMC 414**	Dark Steel Gray	52	1	1
◆	**DMC 666**	Bright Red	15	1	1
★	**DMC 498**	Dark Red	7	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 12 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 10 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 10 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 41 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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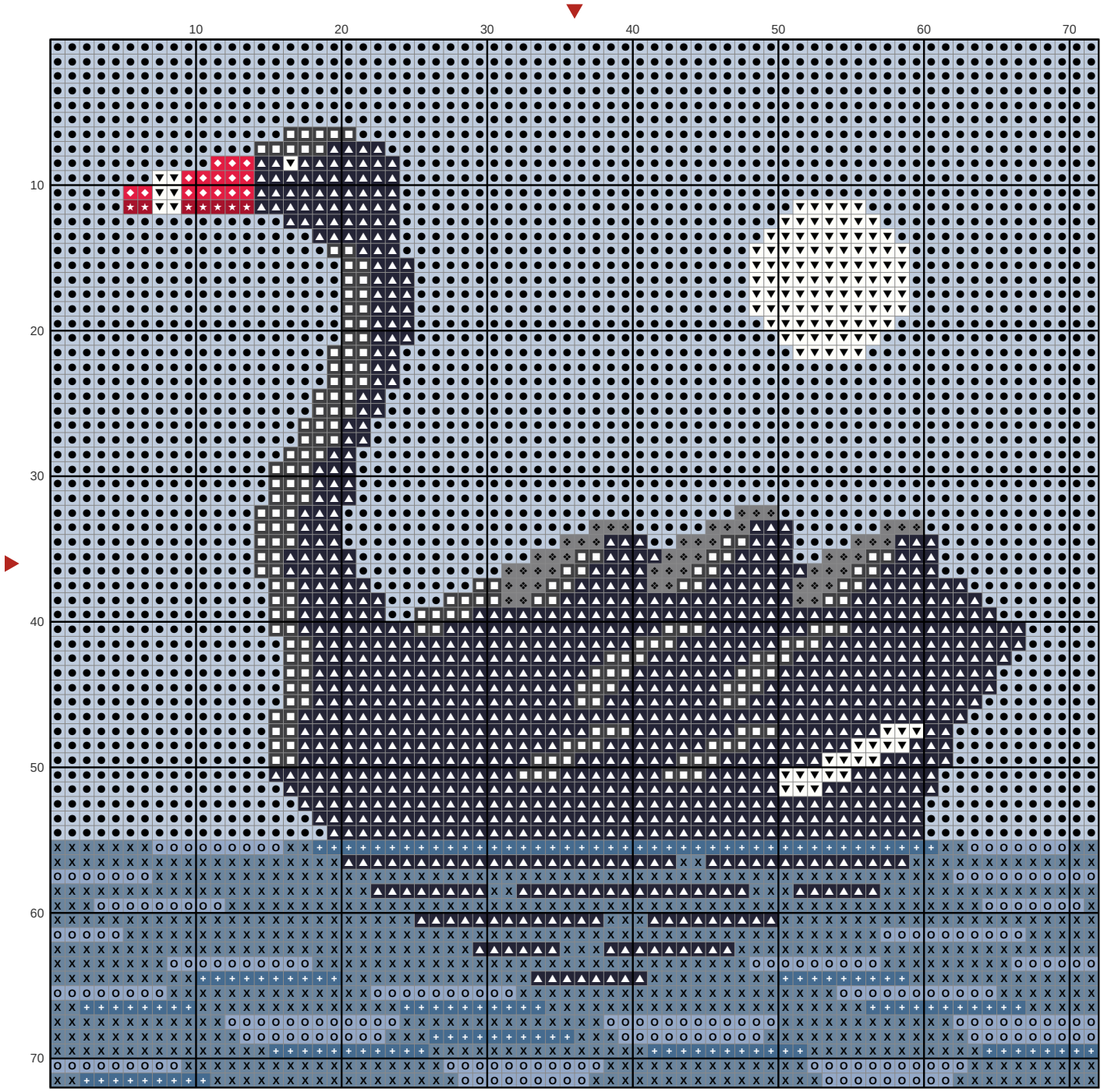
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches



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