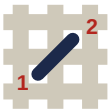
Classic bonsai tree

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 434): 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 18 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
●	154	Very Dark Grape	2,184	3
■	801	Dark Coffee Brown	468	1
▲	434	Light Brown	419	1
◆	470	Light Avocado Green	394	1
▼	938	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	324	1
★	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	303	1
❖	469	Avocado Green	247	1
X	436	Tan	144	1
H	322	Dark Baby Blue	133	1
+	3750	Very Dark Antique Blue	120	1
=	936	Very Dark Avocado Green	111	1
Z	472	Ultra Light Avocado Green	90	1
A	932	Light Antique Blue	71	1
V	725	Medium Light Topaz	69	1
T	312	Very Dark Baby Blue	57	1
N	738	Very Light Tan	50	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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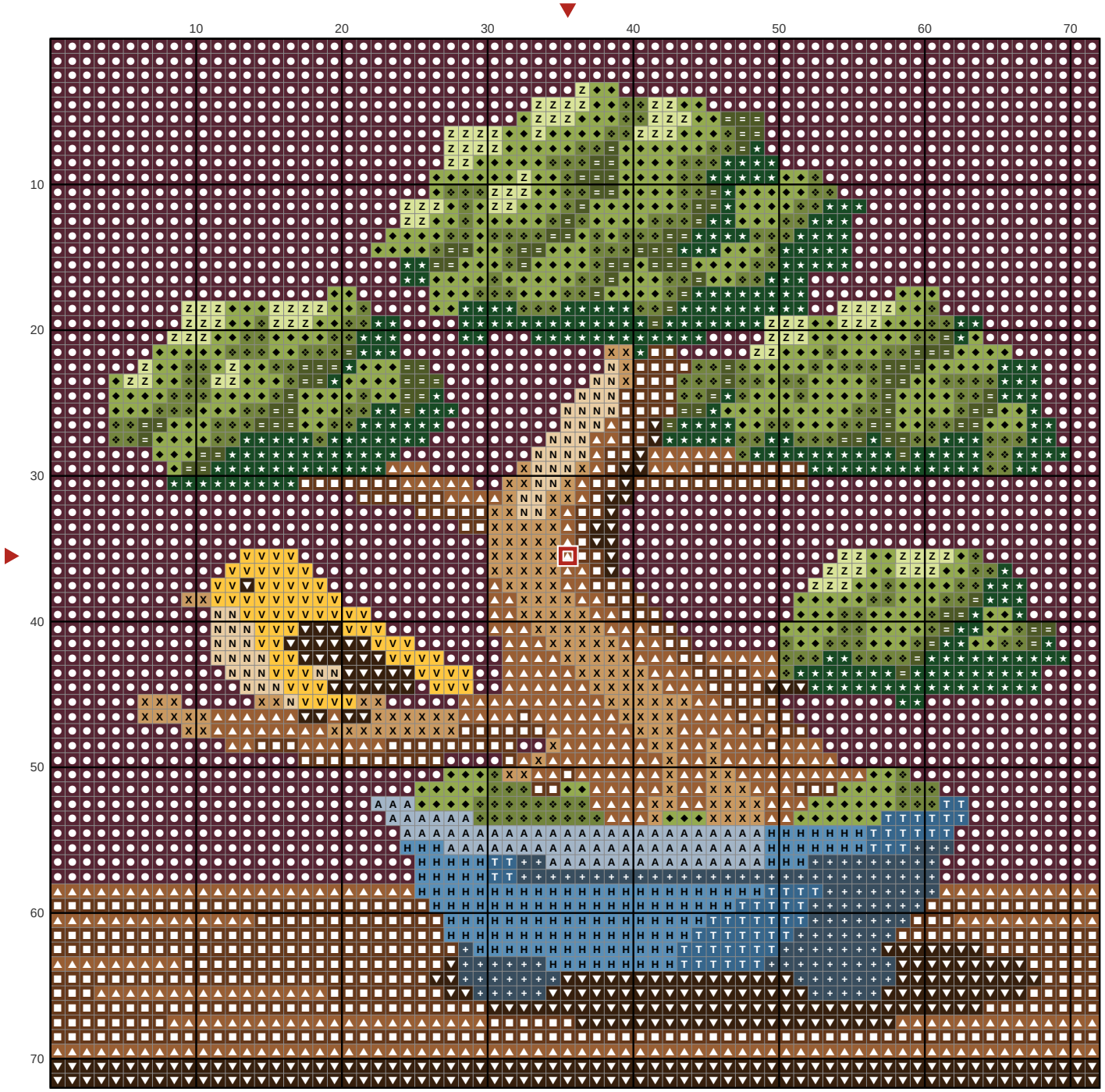
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ○ **DMC 154** Very Dark Grape
- □ **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- △ **DMC 434** Light Brown
- ◆ **DMC 470** Light Avocado Green
- ▽ **DMC 938** Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
- ★ **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- ❖ **DMC 469** Avocado Green
- X **DMC 436** Tan
- H **DMC 322** Dark Baby Blue
- \+ **DMC 3750** Very Dark Antique Blue
- = **DMC 936** Very Dark Avocado Green
- Z **DMC 472** Ultra Light Avocado Green
- A **DMC 932** Light Antique Blue
- V **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- T **DMC 312** Very Dark Baby Blue
- N **DMC 738** Very Light Tan