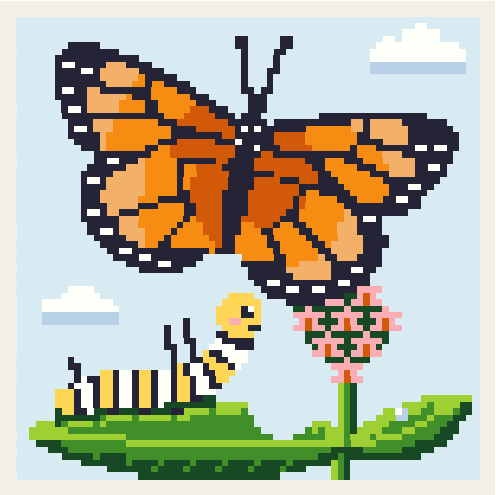
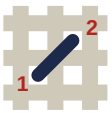
Classic butterfly and caterpillar

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 970): 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 775: 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 14 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
●	**775**	Very Light Baby Blue	2,492	3
▲	**310**	Black	871	1
★	**970**	Light Pumpkin	351	1
Z	**701**	Light Green	249	1
+	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	230	1
❖	**900**	Dark Burnt Orange	212	1
■	**BLANC**	White	202	1
◆	**3854**	Medium Autumn Gold	187	1
=	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	157	1
H	**726**	Light Topaz	89	1
X	**3326**	Light Rose	87	1
▼	**3325**	Light Baby Blue	57	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 775** Very Light Baby Blue
- ▲ **DMC 310** Black
- ★ **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- Z **DMC 701** Light Green
- \+ **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- ❖ **DMC 900** Dark Burnt Orange
- ■ **DMC BLANC** White
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