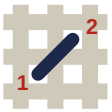
Classic Cancer the crab

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 3340): 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 934: 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
●	**934**	Black Avocado Green	2,101	3
■	**3777**	Very Dark Terra Cotta	377	1
▲	**3340**	Medium Apricot	358	1
◆	**3341**	Apricot	316	1
▼	**312**	Very Dark Baby Blue	280	1
★	**336**	Navy Blue	277	1
❖	**350**	Medium Coral	249	1
X	**783**	Medium Topaz	218	1
H	**3856**	Ultra Very Light Mahogany	206	1
+	**935**	Dark Avocado Green	205	1
=	**322**	Dark Baby Blue	196	1
Z	**347**	Very Dark Salmon	162	1
A	**3822**	Light Straw	109	1
V	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	80	1
T	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	26	1
N	**3755**	Baby Blue	24	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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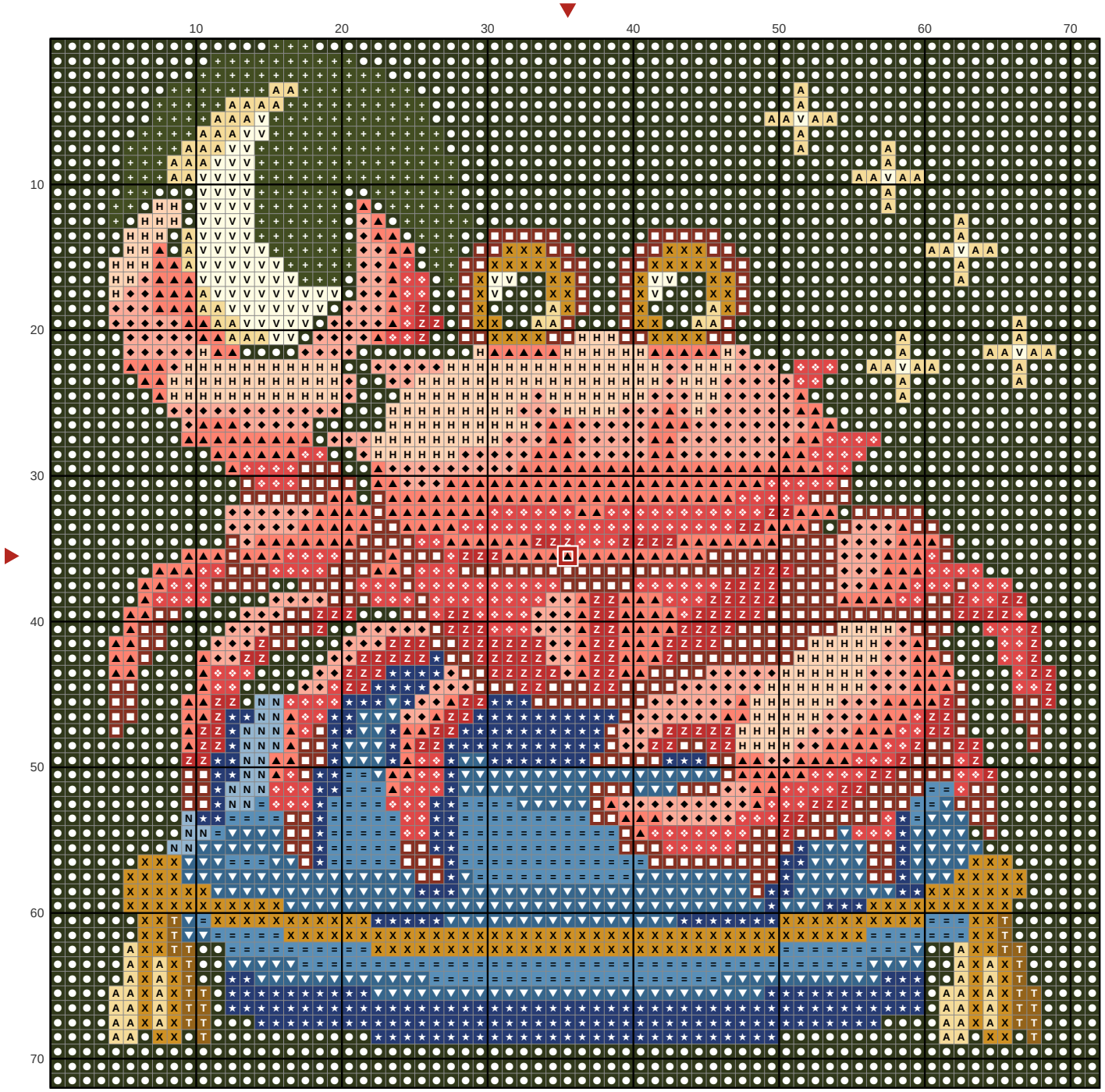
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 934** Black Avocado Green
- **DMC 3777** Very Dark Terra Cotta
- **DMC 3340** Medium Apricot
- **DMC 3341** Apricot
- **DMC 312** Very Dark Baby Blue
- **DMC 336** Navy Blue
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 3856** Ultra Very Light Mahogany
- **DMC 935** Dark Avocado Green
- **DMC 322** Dark Baby Blue
- **DMC 347** Very Dark Salmon
- **DMC 3822** Light Straw
- **DMC 3823** Ultra Pale Yellow
- **DMC 780** Ultra Very Dark Topaz
- **DMC 3755** Baby Blue