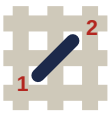
Classic cardinal

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 321): 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 800: 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, 13 colors, about 16 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
●	800	Pale Delft Blue	3,378	4
▲	321	Red	734	1
■	814	Dark Garnet	320	1
H	433	Medium Brown	240	1
+	436	Tan	117	1
Z	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	94	1
◆	BLANC	White	88	1
▼	351	Coral	67	1
★	310	Black	58	1
=	3799	Very Dark Pewter Gray	45	1
❖	970	Light Pumpkin	21	1
X	900	Dark Burnt Orange	12	1
A	738	Very Light Tan	10	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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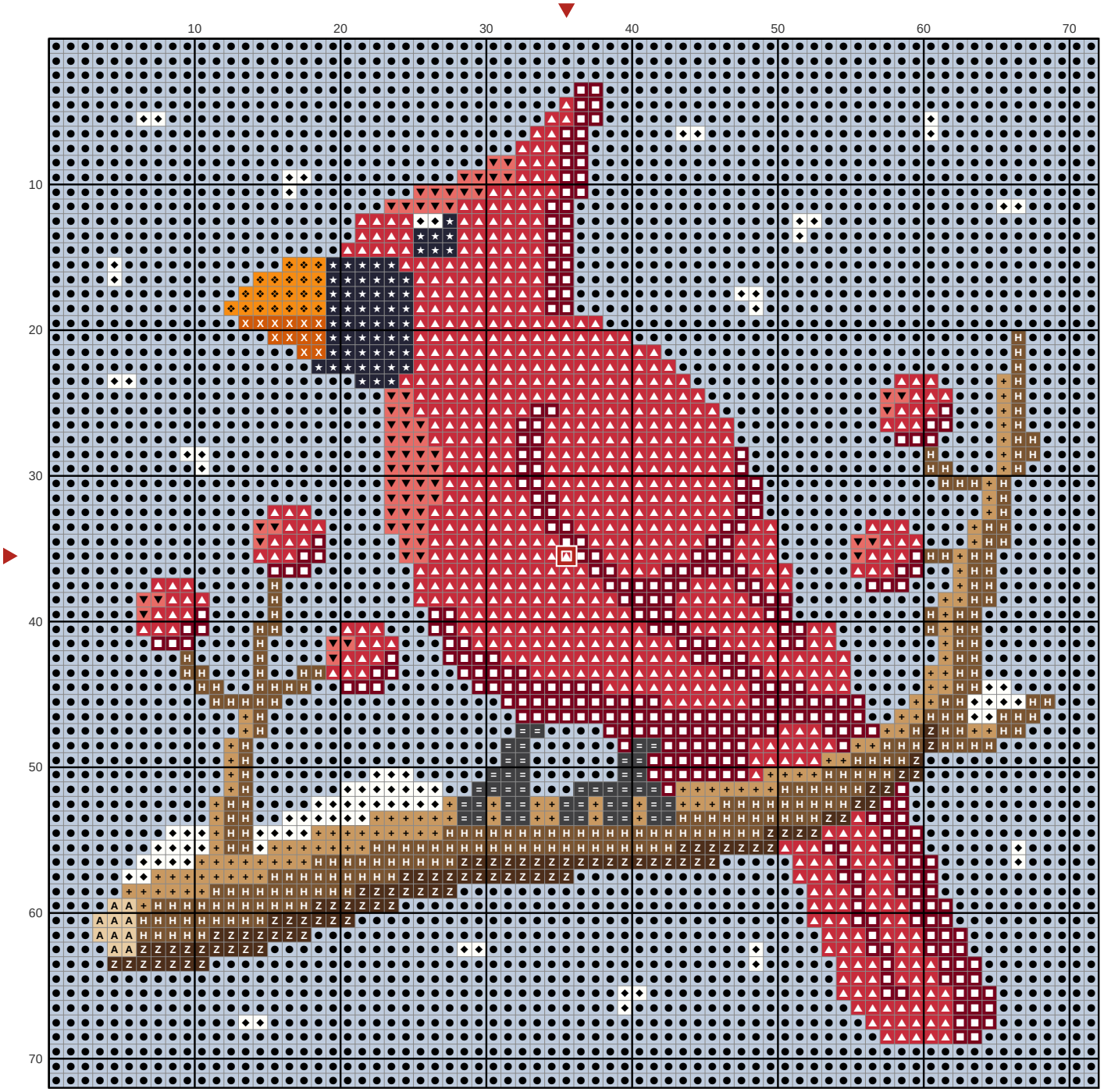
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 800** Pale Delft Blue
- ▲ **DMC 321** Red
- ■ **DMC 814** Dark Garnet
- H **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- \+ **DMC 436** Tan
- Z **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- ◆ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▼ **DMC 351** Coral
- ★ **DMC 310** Black
- = **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- ❖ **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- X **DMC 900** Dark Burnt Orange
- A **DMC 738** Very Light Tan