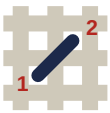
Classic cat on the moon

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 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 453): 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, 14 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
●	**3750**	Very Dark Antique Blue	930	1
■	**3842**	Very Dark Wedgwood	920	1
▲	**3765**	Very Dark Peacock Blue	828	1
◆	**712**	Cream	666	1
▼	**453**	Light Shell Gray	355	1
★	**645**	Very Dark Beaver Gray	294	1
❖	**646**	Dark Beaver Gray	261	1
X	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	213	1
H	**3865**	Winter White	186	1
+	**647**	Medium Beaver Gray	175	1
=	**437**	Light Tan	163	1
Z	**738**	Very Light Tan	141	1
A	**152**	Medium Light Shell Pink	34	1
V	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	18	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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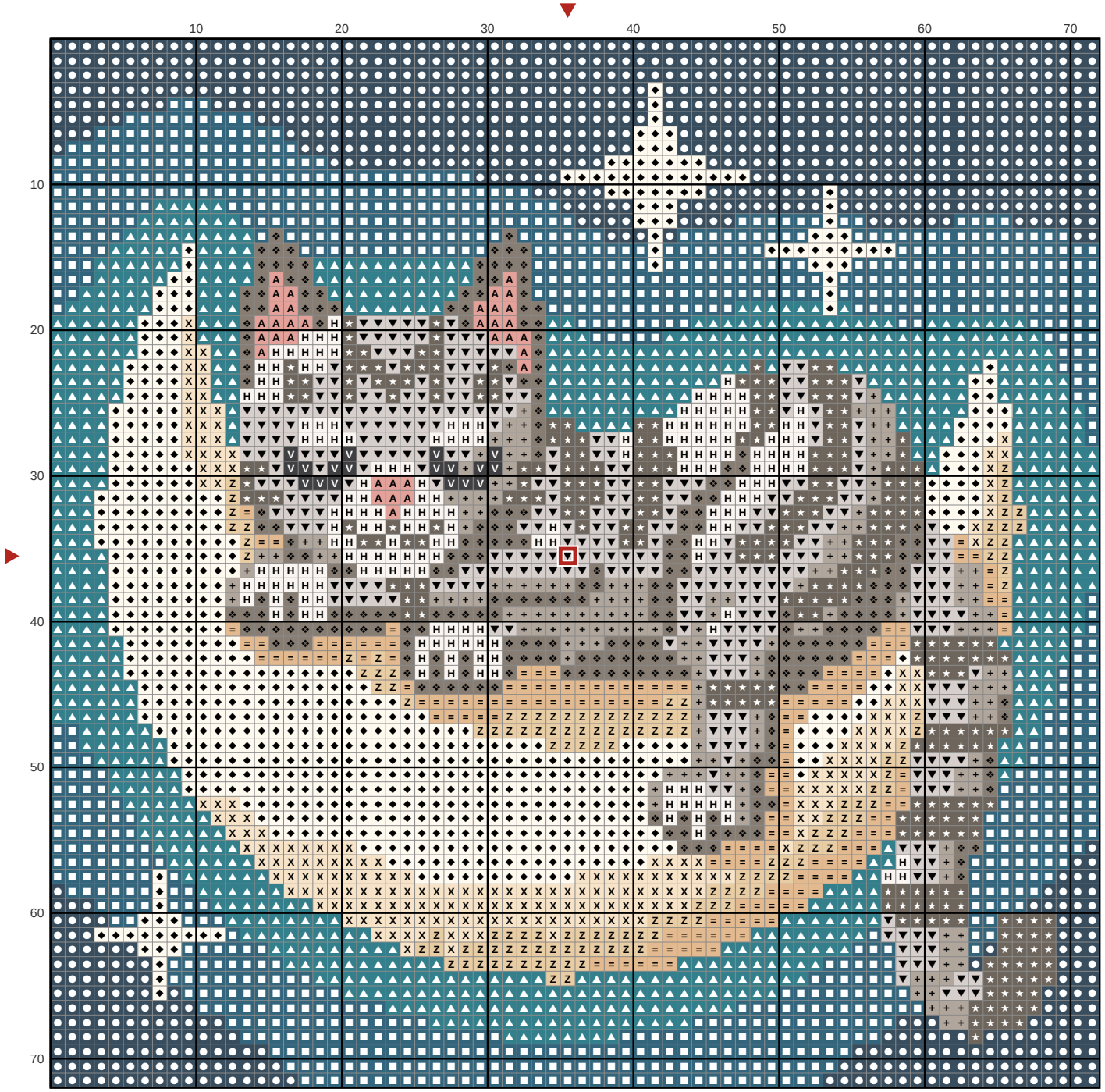
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3750** Very Dark Antique Blue
- ■ **DMC 3842** Very Dark Wedgwood
- ▲ **DMC 3765** Very Dark Peacock Blue
- ◆ **DMC 712** Cream
- ▼ **DMC 453** Light Shell Gray
- ★ **DMC 645** Very Dark Beaver Gray
- ❖ **DMC 646** Dark Beaver Gray
- X **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- H **DMC 3865** Winter White
- \+ **DMC 647** Medium Beaver Gray
- = **DMC 437** Light Tan
- Z **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- A **DMC 152** Medium Light Shell Pink
- V **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray