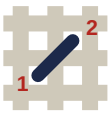
Classic Christmas truck

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 666): 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	3,869	4
★	**666**	Bright Red	318	1
X	**BLANC**	White	243	1
A	**310**	Black	170	1
H	**498**	Dark Red	159	1
◆	**351**	Coral	115	1
▼	**700**	Bright Green	99	1
❖	**809**	Delft Blue	86	1
▲	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	58	1
■	**702**	Kelly Green	34	1
Z	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	24	1
=	**726**	Light Topaz	6	1
+	**433**	Medium Brown	3	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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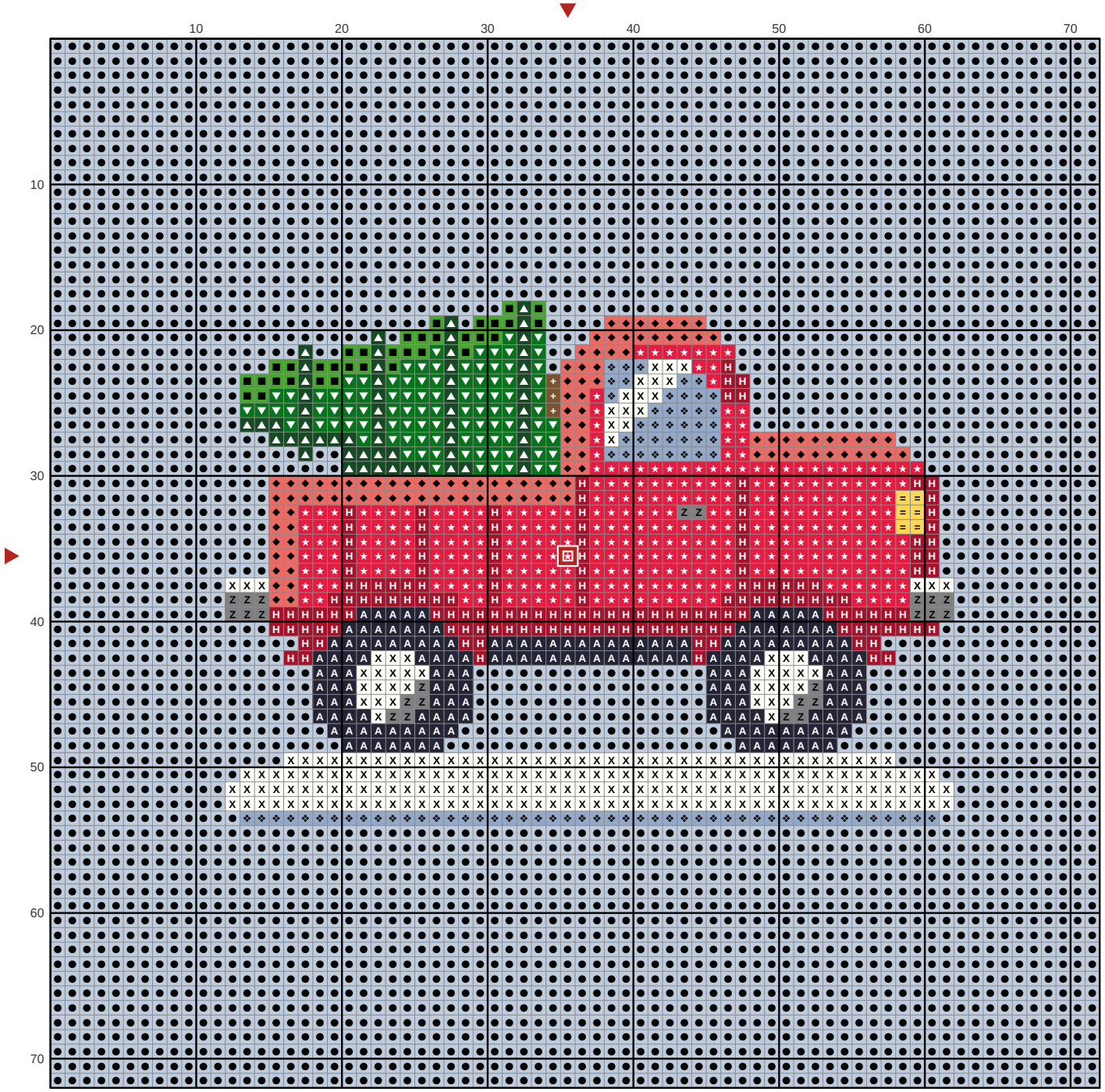
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 800** Pale Delft Blue
- ★ **DMC 666** Bright Red
- X **DMC BLANC** White
- A **DMC 310** Black
- H **DMC 498** Dark Red
- ◆ **DMC 351** Coral
- ▼ **DMC 700** Bright Green
- ❖ **DMC 809** Delft Blue
- ▲ **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
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