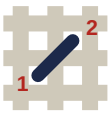
Classic cupcake

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 335): 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 550: 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 17 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				stitches	skeins
●	**550**	Very Dark Violet	3,750	4	◆	**666**	Bright Red	30	1
H	**3326**	Light Rose	431	1	▼	**498**	Dark Red	20	1
■	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	260	1	V	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	18	1
X	**335**	Rose	202	1	★	**BLANC**	White	14	1
A	**597**	Turquoise	174	1	+	**726**	Light Topaz	12	1
Z	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	164	1	=	**959**	Medium Seagreen	8	1
❖	**818**	Baby Pink	95	1	▲	**700**	Bright Green	6	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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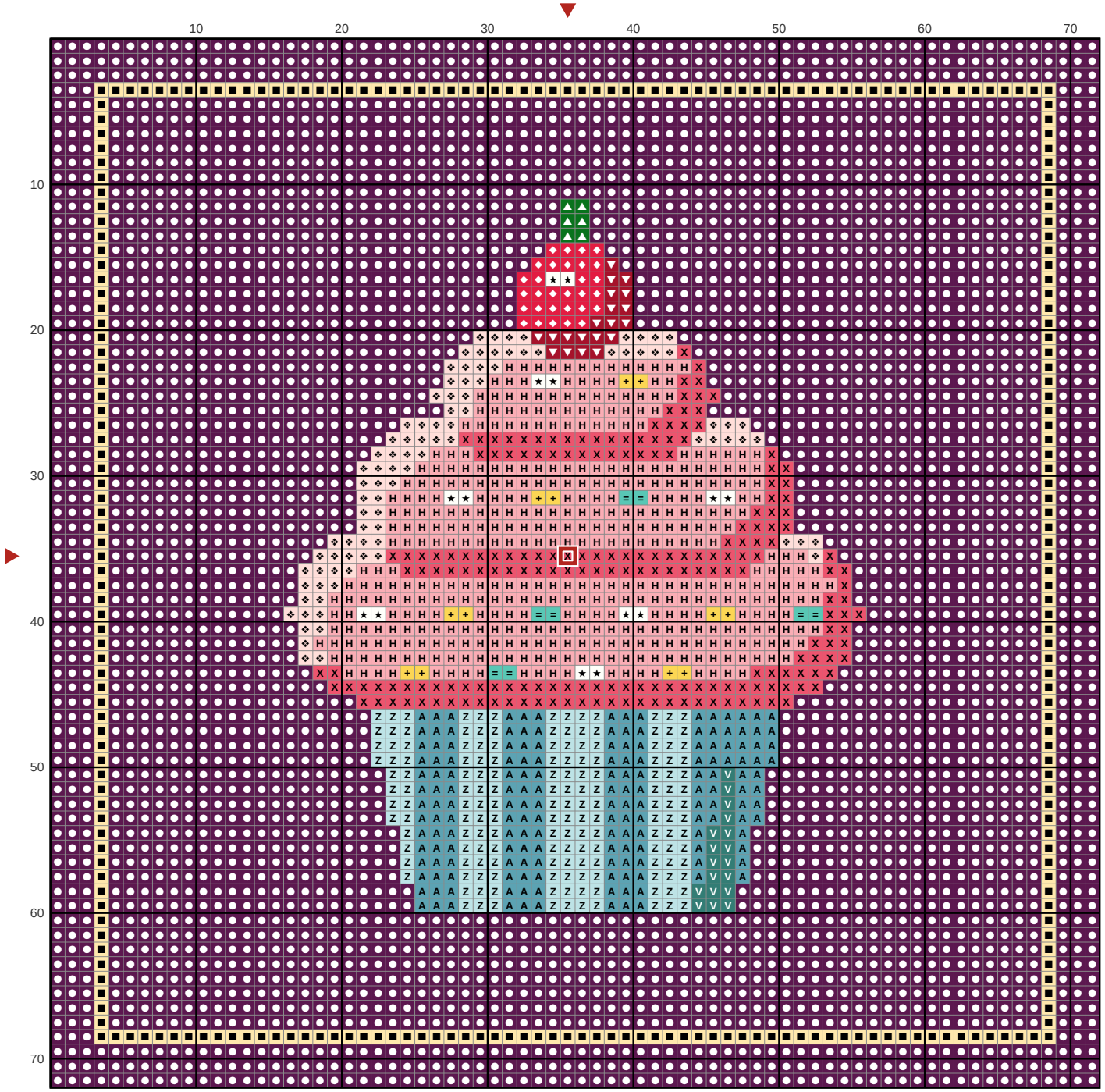
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 550** Very Dark Violet
- H **DMC 3326** Light Rose
- ■ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- X **DMC 335** Rose
- A **DMC 597** Turquoise
- Z **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- ❖ **DMC 818** Baby Pink
- ◆ **DMC 666** Bright Red
- ▼ **DMC 498** Dark Red
- V **DMC 3847** Dark Teal Green
- ★ **DMC BLANC** White
- + **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- = **DMC 959** Medium Seagreen
- ▲ **DMC 700** Bright Green