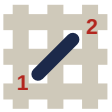
Classic Easter egg

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 598): 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 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
●	**934**	Black Avocado Green	1,385	2
■	**938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	625	1
▲	**936**	Very Dark Avocado Green	556	1
◆	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	476	1
▼	**3045**	Dark Yellow Beige	371	1
★	**727**	Very Light Topaz	316	1
❖	**598**	Light Turquoise	294	1
X	**3862**	Dark Mocha Beige	289	1
H	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	239	1
+	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	149	1
=	**597**	Turquoise	133	1
Z	**470**	Light Avocado Green	114	1
A	**208**	Very Dark Lavender	87	1
V	**210**	Medium Lavender	72	1
T	**742**	Light Tangerine	50	1
N	**550**	Very Dark Violet	28	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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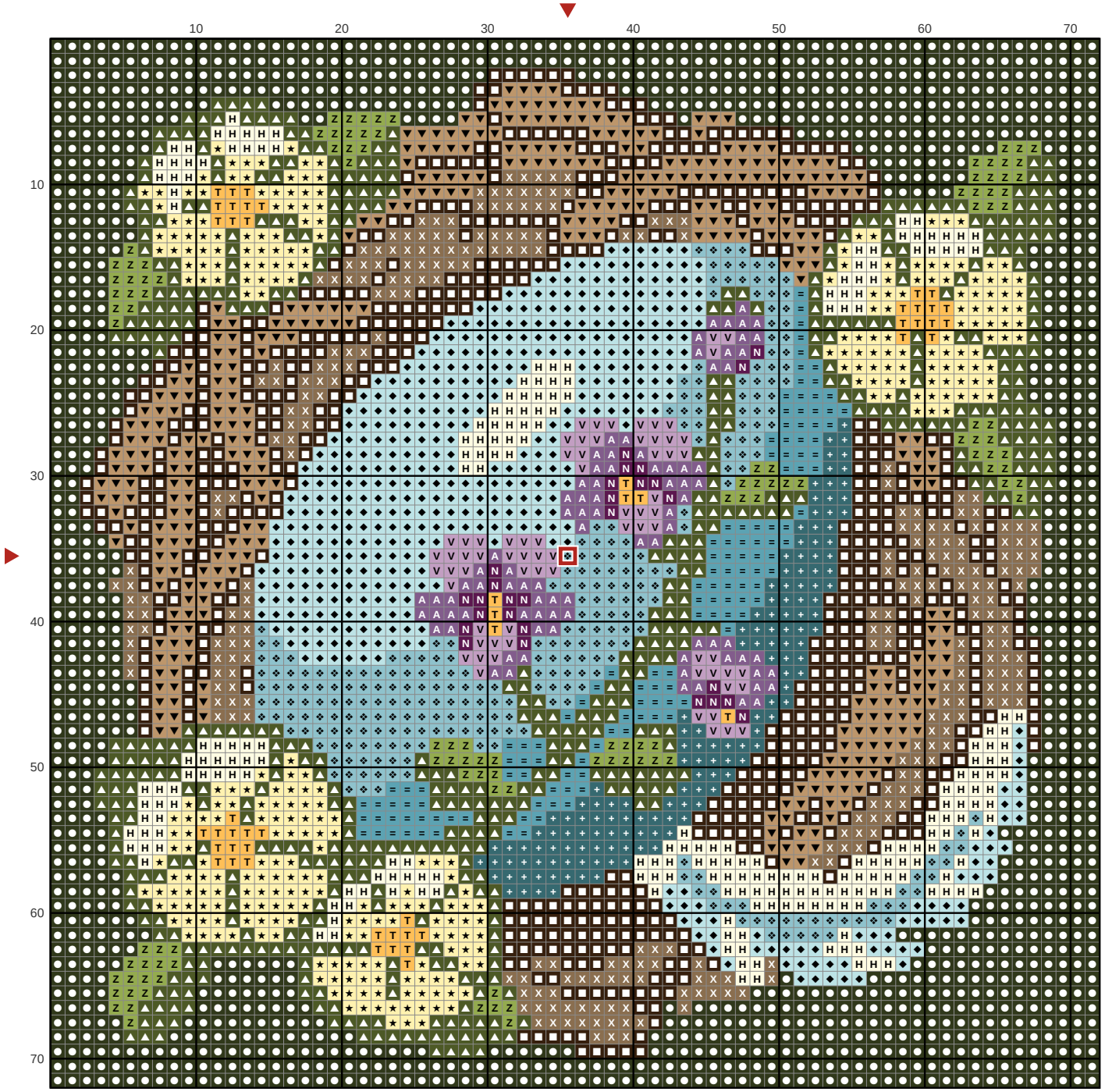
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz
- **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- **DMC 3862** Dark Mocha Beige
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