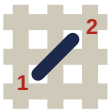
Classic fishing fly

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 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 498): 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, 15 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
●	813	Light Blue	3,191	3
H	797	Royal Blue	444	1
X	825	Dark Blue	334	1
▲	433	Medium Brown	189	1
▼	970	Light Pumpkin	162	1
■	436	Tan	158	1
◆	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	126	1
=	3799	Very Dark Pewter Gray	118	1
Z	310	Black	100	1
❖	900	Dark Burnt Orange	93	1
+	783	Medium Topaz	77	1
A	666	Bright Red	65	1
★	726	Light Topaz	50	1
V	BLANC	White	47	1
T	498	Dark Red	30	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.

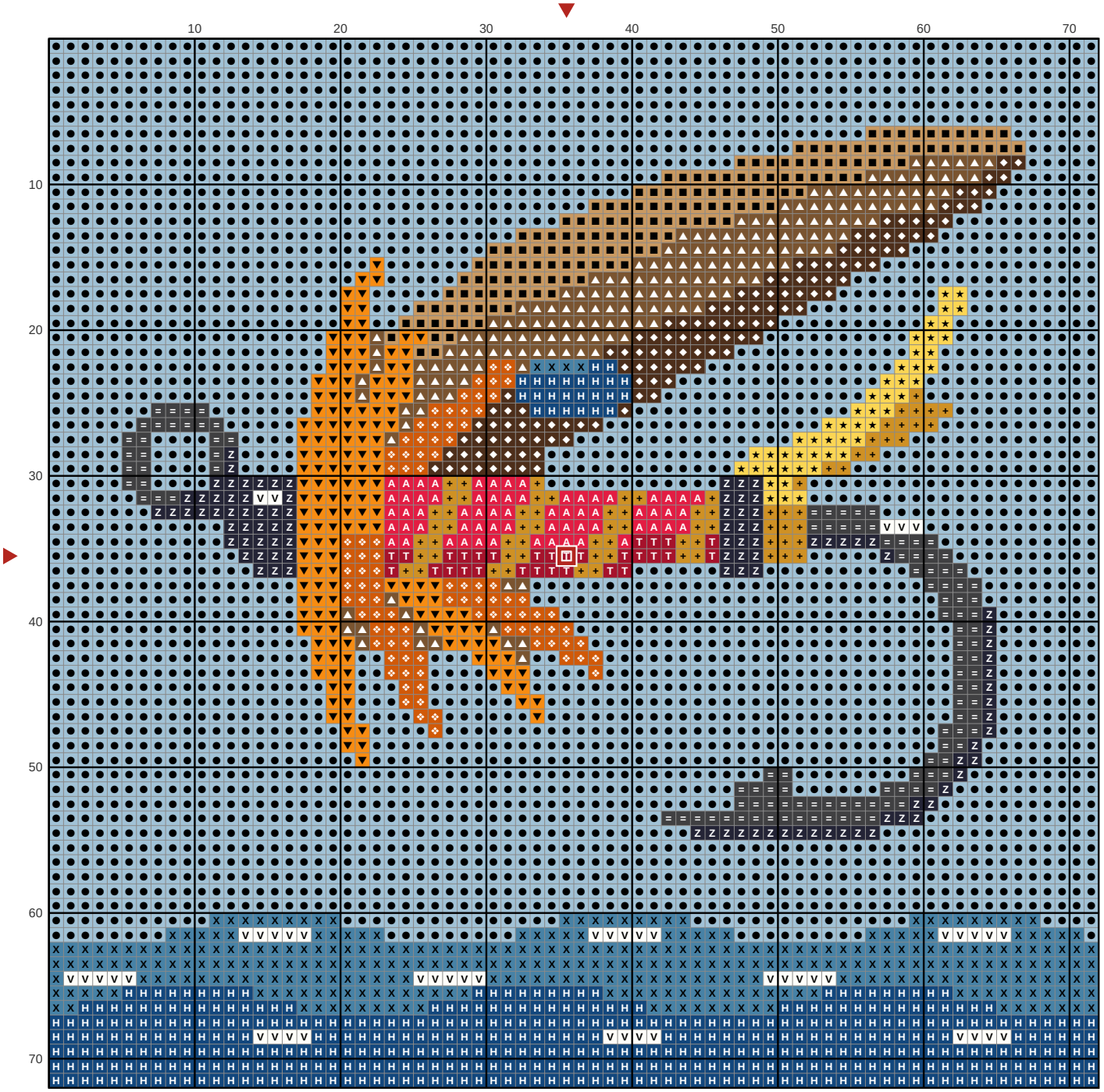
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Needlepoint pattern

Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 813** Light Blue
- H **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- X **DMC 825** Dark Blue
- ▲ **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- ▼ **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- ■ **DMC 436** Tan
- ◆ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- = **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- Z **DMC 310** Black
- ❖ **DMC 900** Dark Burnt Orange
- \+ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- A **DMC 666** Bright Red
- ★ **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- V **DMC BLANC** White
- T **DMC 498** Dark Red