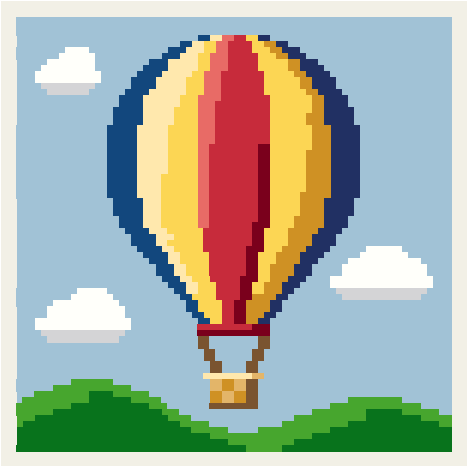
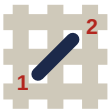
Classic hot air balloon

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 321): 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	2,687	3
★	**726**	Light Topaz	405	1
T	**700**	Bright Green	351	1
▼	**321**	Red	324	1
H	**BLANC**	White	218	1
V	**702**	Kelly Green	206	1
■	**797**	Royal Blue	186	1
❖	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	186	1
▲	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	171	1
X	**783**	Medium Topaz	168	1
◆	**351**	Coral	80	1
=	**814**	Dark Garnet	78	1
+	**415**	Pearl Gray	70	1
Z	**433**	Medium Brown	40	1
A	**728**	Topaz	14	1

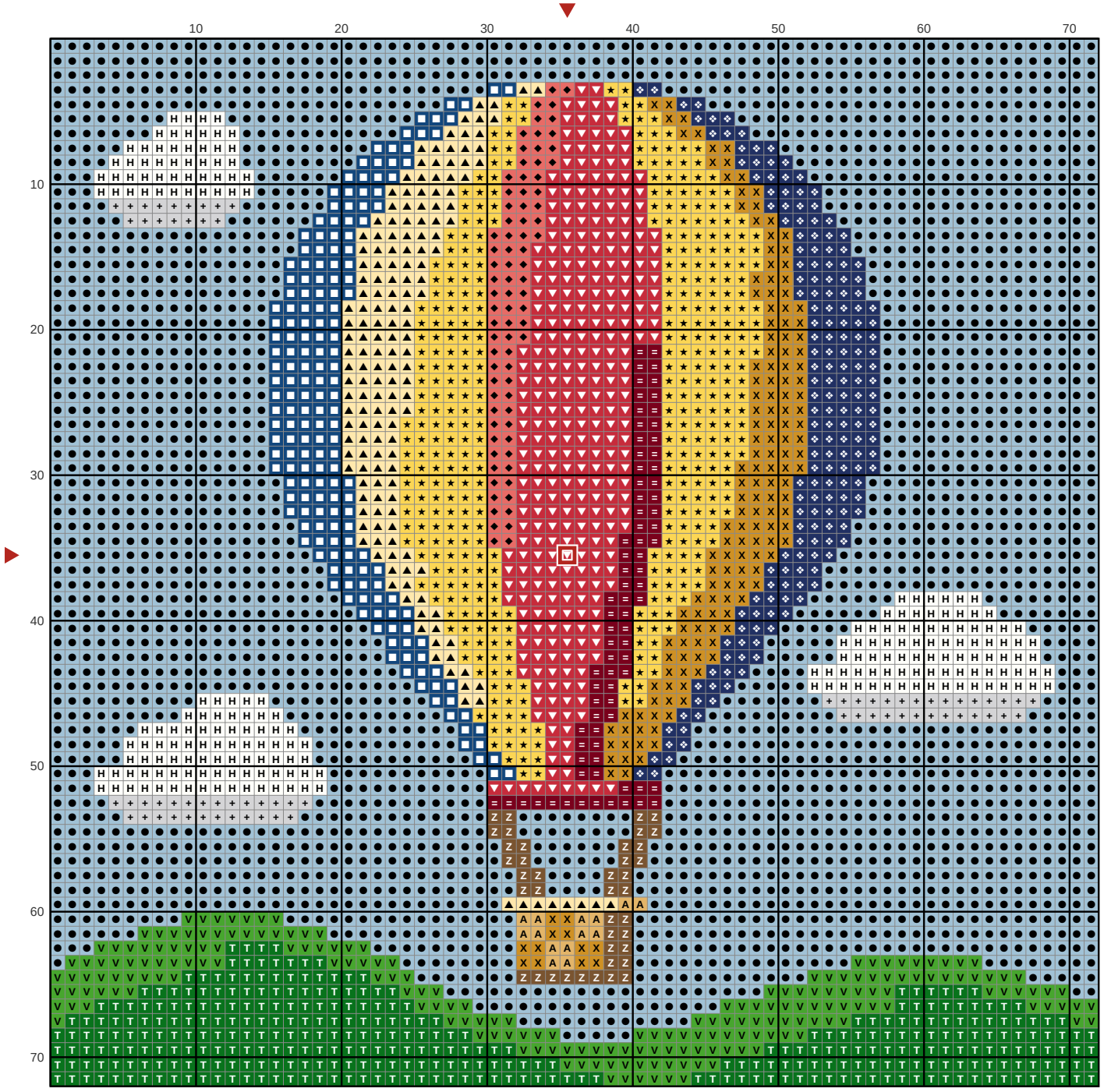
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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 813** Light Blue
- ★ **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- T **DMC 700** Bright Green
- ▼ **DMC 321** Red
- H **DMC BLANC** White
- V **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- ■ **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- ❖ **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- ▲ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- X **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ◆ **DMC 351** Coral
- = **DMC 814** Dark Garnet
- + **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- Z **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- A **DMC 728** Topaz