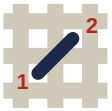
Classic key to the new house

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 823): 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 955: 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, 12 colors, about 15 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
●	**955**	Light Nile Green	4,474	4	◆	**498**	Dark Red	46	1
▼	**783**	Medium Topaz	189	1	=	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	38	1
H	**597**	Turquoise	110	1	+	**602**	Medium Cranberry	34	1
▲	**666**	Bright Red	84	1	■	**ECRU**	Ecru	30	1
X	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	82	1	Z	**BLANC**	White	28	1
❖	**782**	Dark Topaz	55	1	★	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	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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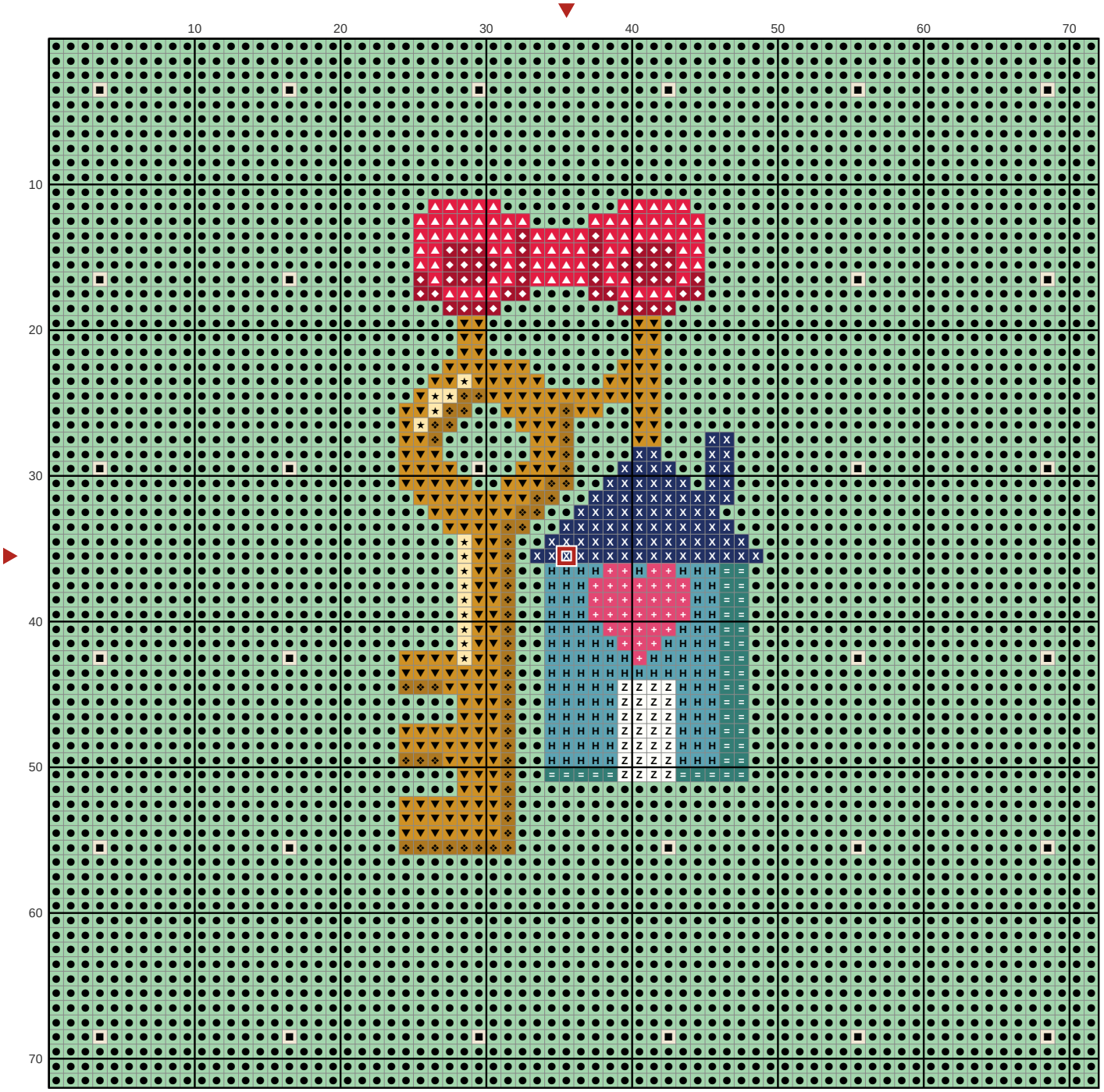
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

● **DMC 955** Light Nile Green	X **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue	+ **DMC 602** Medium Cranberry
▼ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz	❖ **DMC 782** Dark Topaz	■ **DMC ECRU** Ecru
H **DMC 597** Turquoise	◆ **DMC 498** Dark Red	Z **DMC BLANC** White
▲ **DMC 666** Bright Red	= **DMC 3847** Dark Teal Green	★ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow