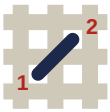
Classic hydrangeas in a basket

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 798): 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
●	823	Dark Navy Blue	2,286	3
X	798	Dark Delft Blue	369	1
V	BLANC	White	351	1
■	728	Topaz	281	1
❖	799	Medium Delft Blue	255	1
▲	435	Very Light Brown	239	1
◆	433	Medium Brown	218	1
▼	210	Medium Lavender	202	1
★	800	Pale Delft Blue	196	1
H	809	Delft Blue	163	1
=	700	Bright Green	163	1
T	415	Pearl Gray	153	1
Z	702	Kelly Green	139	1
+	ECRU	Ecru	96	1
A	704	Bright Chartreuse	73	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

O	**DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue	▲	**DMC 435** Very Light Brown	=	**DMC 700** Bright Green
X	**DMC 798** Dark Delft Blue	◆	**DMC 433** Medium Brown	T	**DMC 415** Pearl Gray
V	**DMC BLANC** White	▼	**DMC 210** Medium Lavender	Z	**DMC 702** Kelly Green
■	**DMC 728** Topaz	★	**DMC 800** Pale Delft Blue	+	**DMC ECRU** Ecru
❖	**DMC 799** Medium Delft Blue	H	**DMC 809** Delft Blue	A	**DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse