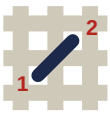
Classic log cabin

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 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 436): 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 798: 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, 14 colors, about 16 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
●	798	Dark Delft Blue	3,162	3	Z	433	Medium Brown	202	1
X	700	Bright Green	375	1	❖	702	Kelly Green	130	1
A	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	264	1	V	726	Light Topaz	34	1
■	745	Light Pale Yellow	260	1	★	3799	Very Dark Pewter Gray	27	1
H	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	229	1	▲	BLANC	White	26	1
=	436	Tan	226	1	◆	415	Pearl Gray	26	1
+	738	Very Light Tan	204	1	▼	414	Dark Steel Gray	19	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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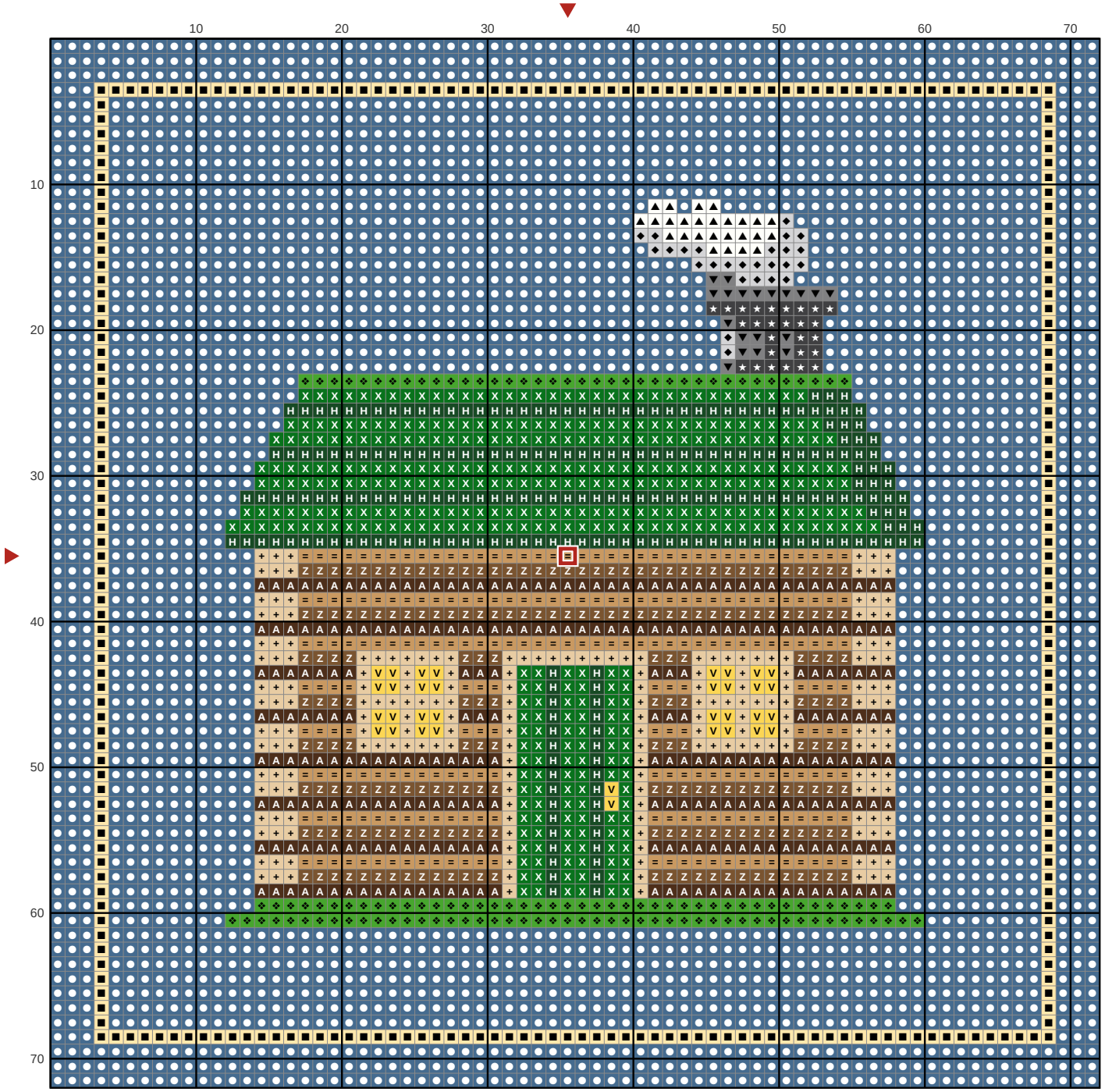
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 798** Dark Delft Blue
- **DMC 700** Bright Green
- **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- **DMC 436** Tan
- **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray