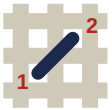
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Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 colors



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 BLANC): 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 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
◆	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	937	1
■	**316**	Medium Antique Mauve	687	1
★	**351**	Coral	569	1
▲	**BLANC**	White	508	1
●	**208**	Very Dark Lavender	470	1
H	**352**	Light Coral	406	1
Z	**3854**	Medium Autumn Gold	321	1
V	**987**	Dark Forest Green	311	1
▼	**433**	Medium Brown	297	1
A	**783**	Medium Topaz	262	1
X	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	116	1
=	**210**	Medium Lavender	116	1
+	**211**	Light Lavender	98	1
T	**3837**	Ultra Dark Lavender	46	1
❖	**597**	Turquoise	40	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



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