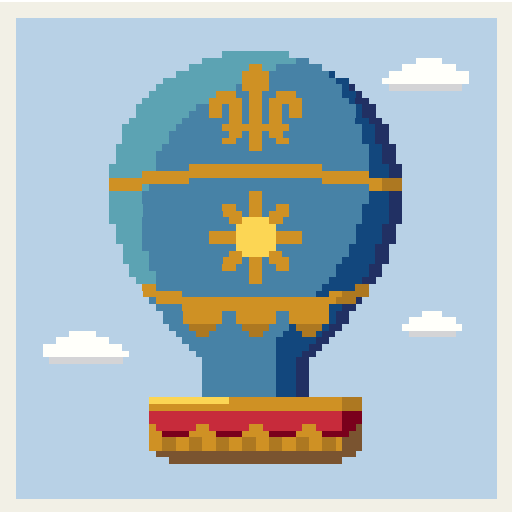
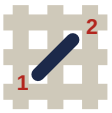
Classic montgolfier balloon

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 726): 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 3325: 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, 13 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
●	**3325**	Light Baby Blue	3,054	3
▲	**825**	Dark Blue	864	1
▼	**783**	Medium Topaz	418	1
■	**597**	Turquoise	226	1
★	**797**	Royal Blue	137	1
◆	**BLANC**	White	93	1
❖	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	83	1
=	**321**	Red	80	1
H	**782**	Dark Topaz	67	1
A	**433**	Medium Brown	65	1
+	**726**	Light Topaz	44	1
X	**415**	Pearl Gray	29	1
Z	**814**	Dark Garnet	24	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.

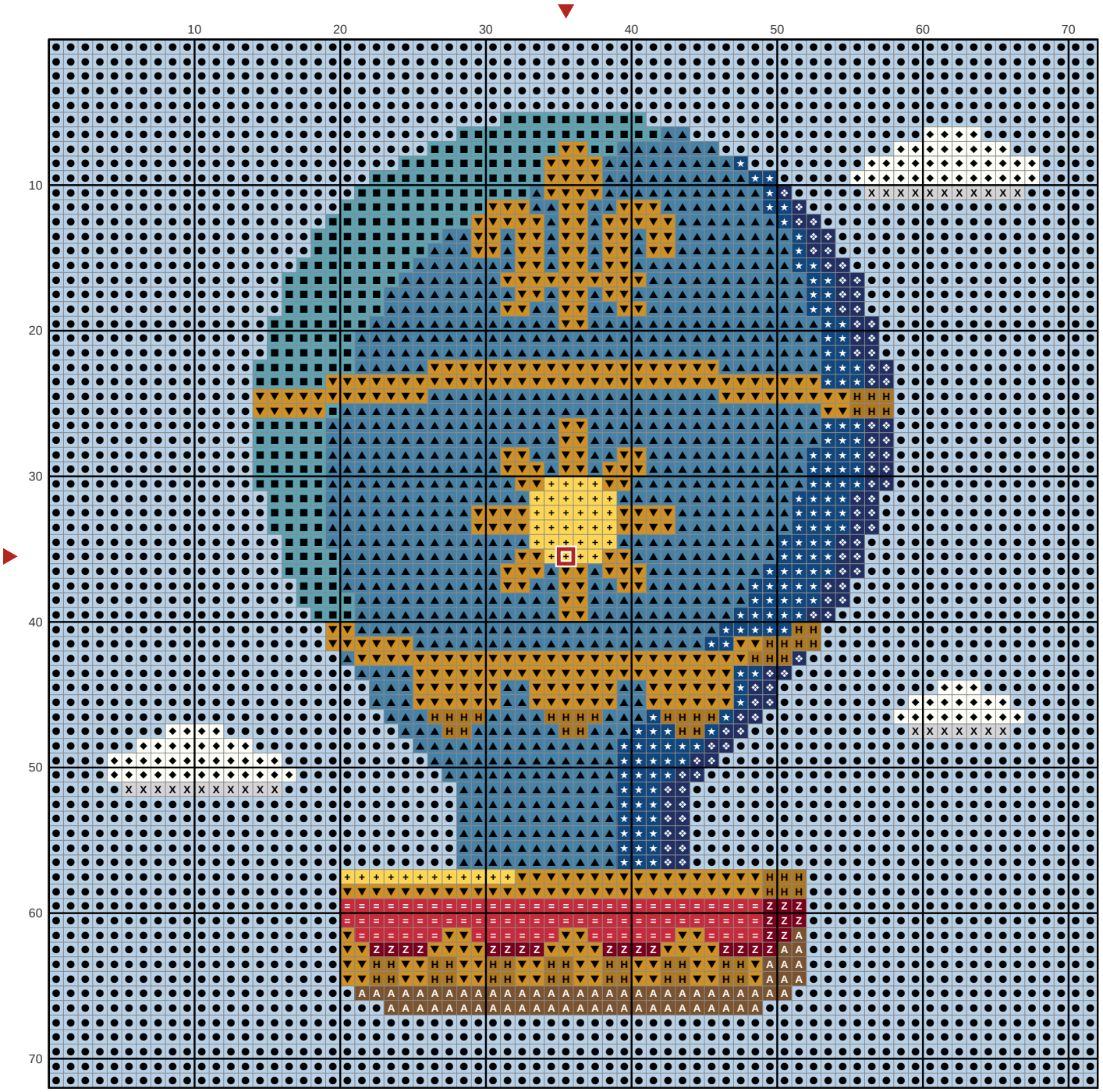
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Needlepoint pattern

Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3325** Light Baby Blue
- ▲ **DMC 825** Dark Blue
- ▼ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ■ **DMC 597** Turquoise
- ★ **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- ◆ **DMC BLANC** White
- ❖ **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- = **DMC 321** Red
- H **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- A **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- \+ **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- X **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- Z **DMC 814** Dark Garnet