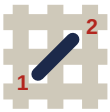
Classic nursery fox

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 712): 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, 16 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
●	**504**	Very Light Blue Green	1,904	2
■	**3364**	Pine Green	413	1
▲	**3362**	Dark Pine Green	404	1
◆	**922**	Light Copper	395	1
▼	**712**	Cream	368	1
★	**3727**	Light Antique Mauve	300	1
❖	**316**	Medium Antique Mauve	262	1
X	**918**	Dark Red Copper	245	1
H	**920**	Medium Copper	173	1
+	**3371**	Black Brown	149	1
=	**402**	Very Light Mahogany	126	1
Z	**676**	Light Old Gold	115	1
A	**315**	Medium Dark Antique Mauve	113	1
V	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	107	1
T	**225**	Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	92	1
N	**725**	Medium Light Topaz	18	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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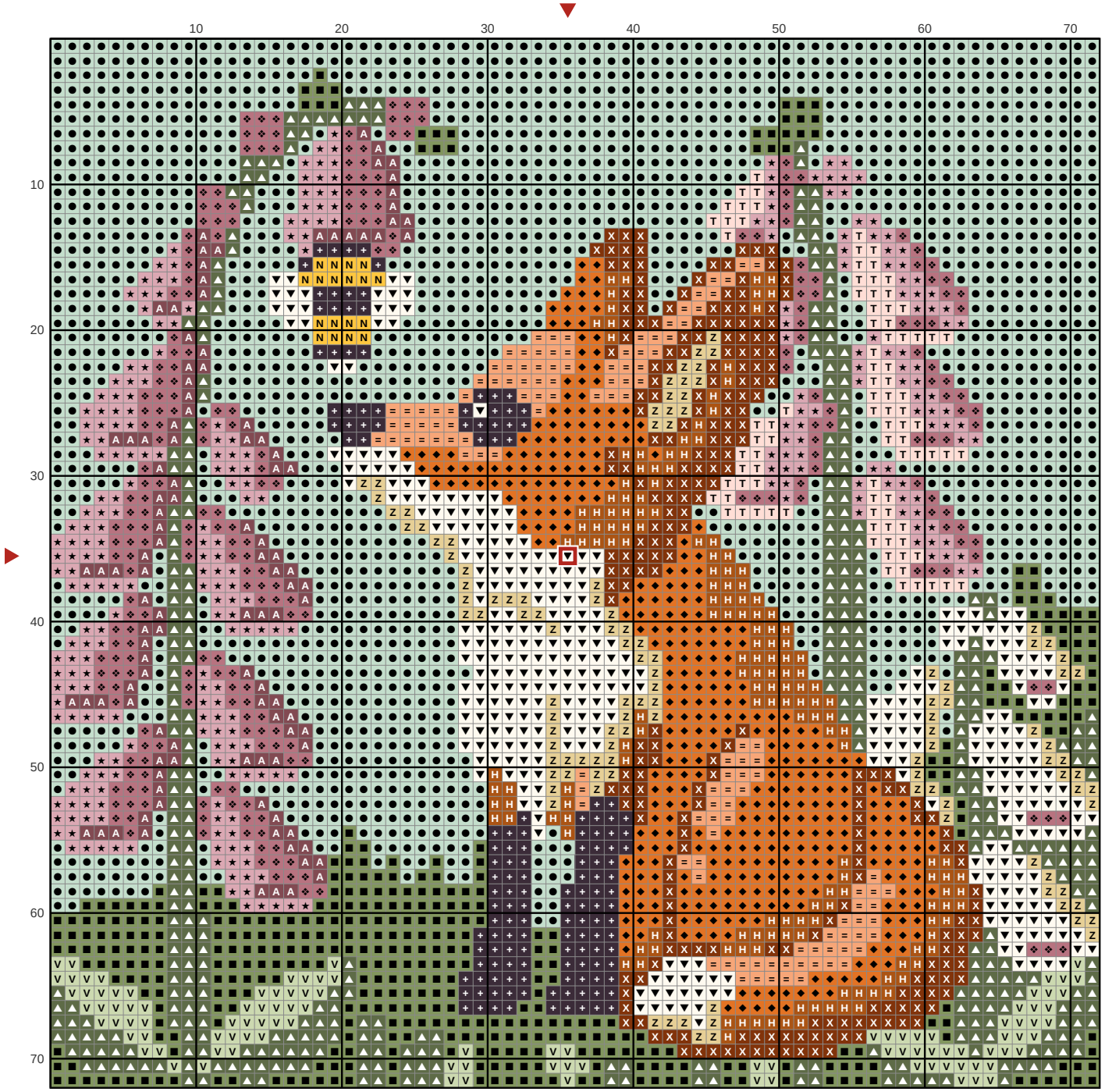
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 504** Very Light Blue Green
- ■ **DMC 3364** Pine Green
- ▲ **DMC 3362** Dark Pine Green
- ◆ **DMC 922** Light Copper
- ▼ **DMC 712** Cream
- ★ **DMC 3727** Light Antique Mauve
- ❖ **DMC 316** Medium Antique Mauve
- X **DMC 918** Dark Red Copper
- H **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- \+ **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- = **DMC 402** Very Light Mahogany
- Z **DMC 676** Light Old Gold
- A **DMC 315** Medium Dark Antique Mauve
- V **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- T **DMC 225** Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
- N **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz