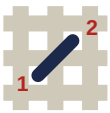
Classic nursery lion

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 783): 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 3811: 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 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				stitches	skeins
●	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	3,958	4	A	**666**	Bright Red	55	1
▼	**728**	Topaz	305	1	V	**498**	Dark Red	44	1
◆	**920**	Medium Copper	227	1	H	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	31	1
+	**BLANC**	White	196	1	■	**597**	Turquoise	28	1
★	**783**	Medium Topaz	168	1	=	**310**	Black	10	1
X	**433**	Medium Brown	87	1	❖	**3326**	Light Rose	8	1
▲	**900**	Dark Burnt Orange	61	1	Z	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	6	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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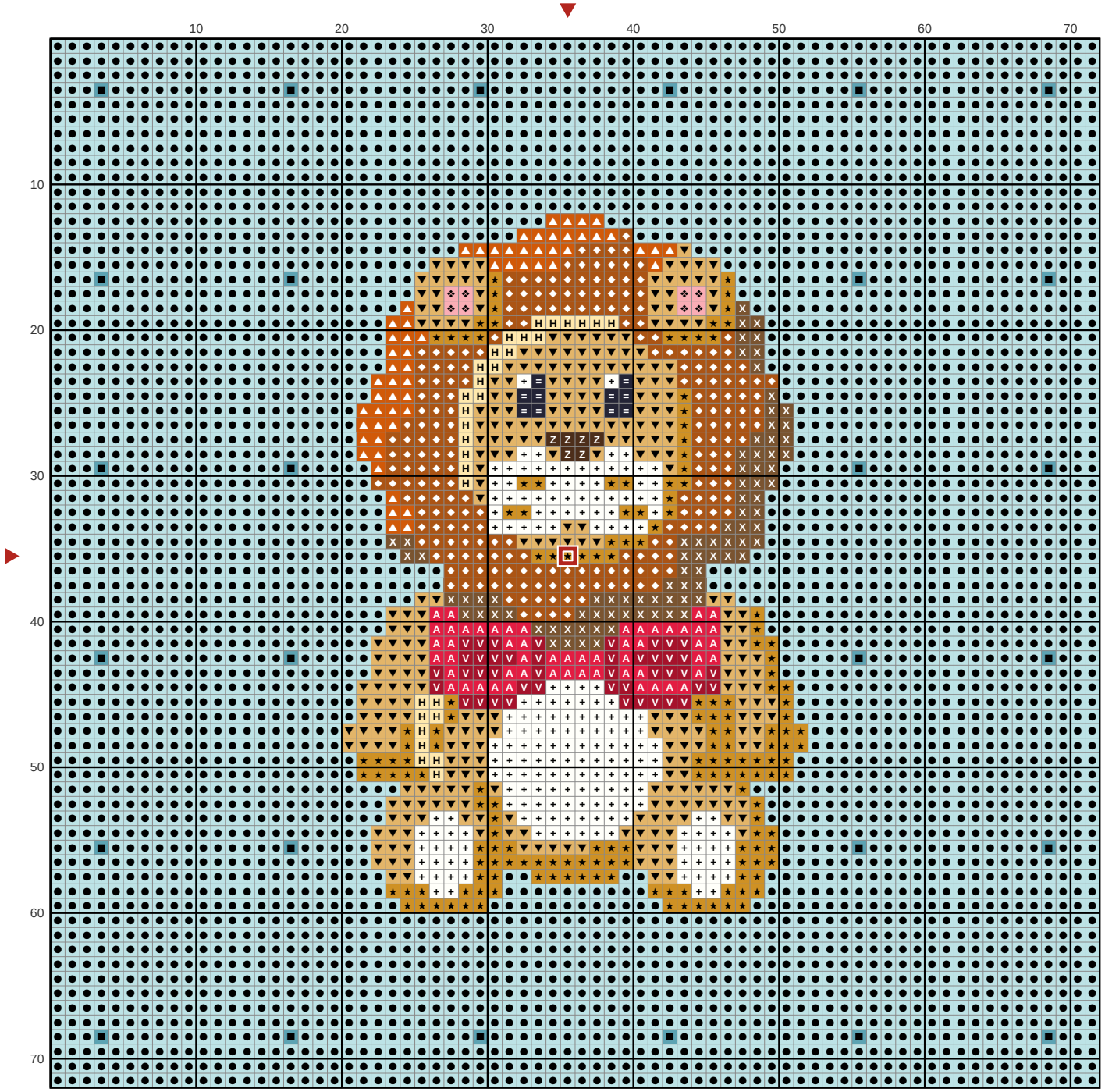
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- ▼ **DMC 728** Topaz
- ◆ **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- \+ **DMC BLANC** White
- ★ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- X **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- ▲ **DMC 900** Dark Burnt Orange
- A **DMC 666** Bright Red
- V **DMC 498** Dark Red
- H **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- ■ **DMC 597** Turquoise
- = **DMC 310** Black
- ❖ **DMC 3326** Light Rose
- Z **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown