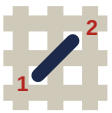
Possum mother and her babies

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 415): 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, 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
●	**798**	Dark Delft Blue	3,110	3
▼	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	460	1
■	**BLANC**	White	385	1
◆	**415**	Pearl Gray	275	1
▲	**310**	Black	169	1
❖	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	150	1
=	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	145	1
H	**435**	Very Light Brown	126	1
+	**433**	Medium Brown	114	1
★	**3326**	Light Rose	112	1
X	**223**	Light Shell Pink	76	1
Z	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	37	1
A	**905**	Dark Parrot Green	25	1

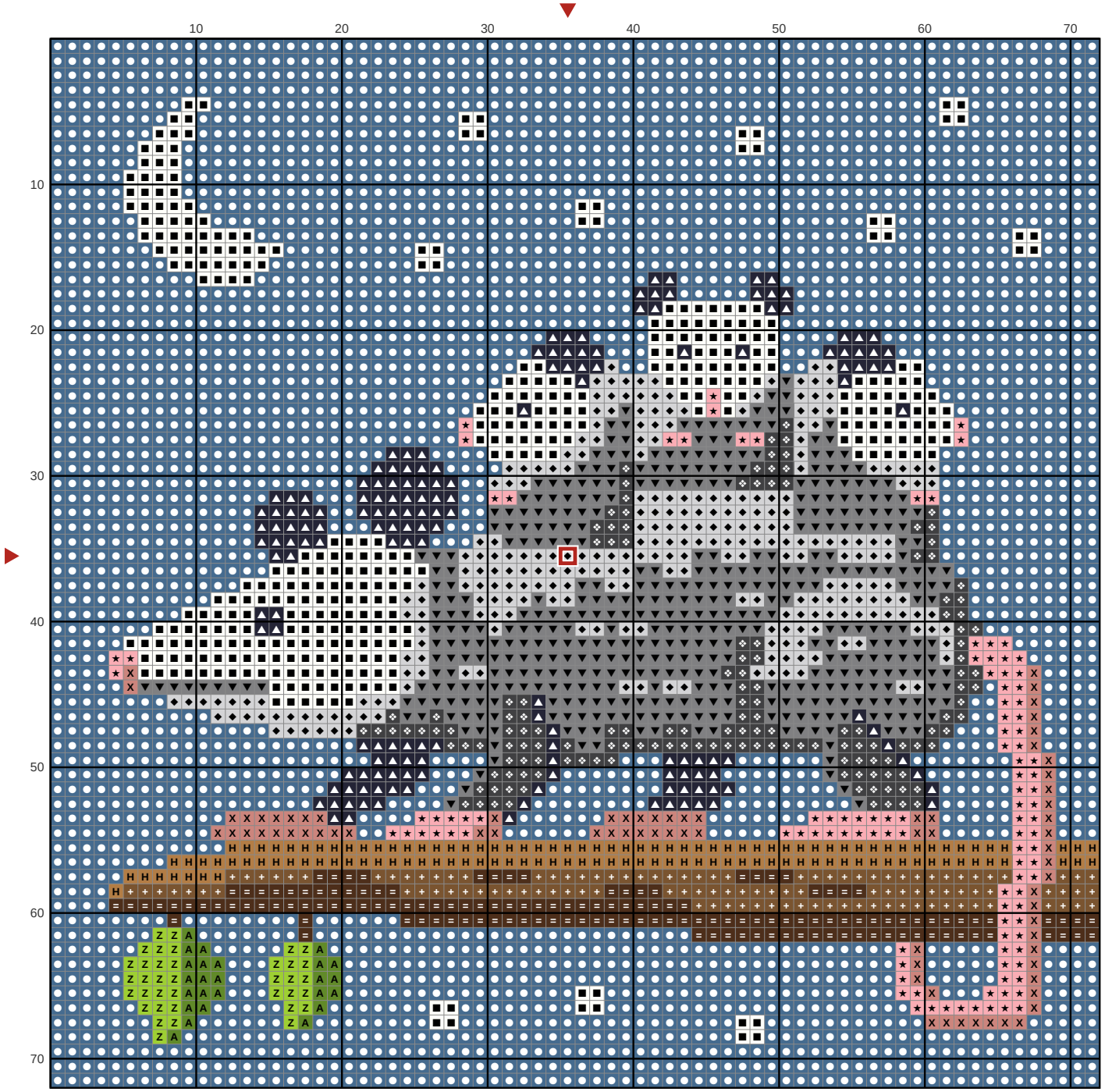
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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 414** Dark Steel Gray
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- **DMC 310** Black
- **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- **DMC 433** Medium Brown
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