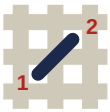
Classic peony branch and bird

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 823): 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 823: 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 18 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
●	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	3,365	4
▲	**3326**	Light Rose	344	1
X	**433**	Medium Brown	260	1
▼	**700**	Bright Green	216	1
■	**818**	Baby Pink	215	1
◆	**702**	Kelly Green	139	1
H	**435**	Very Light Brown	137	1
+	**726**	Light Topaz	106	1
★	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	101	1
❖	**335**	Rose	99	1
=	**600**	Very Dark Cranberry	78	1
A	**BLANC**	White	70	1
V	**783**	Medium Topaz	39	1
T	**353**	Peach	12	1
Z	**310**	Black	3	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.

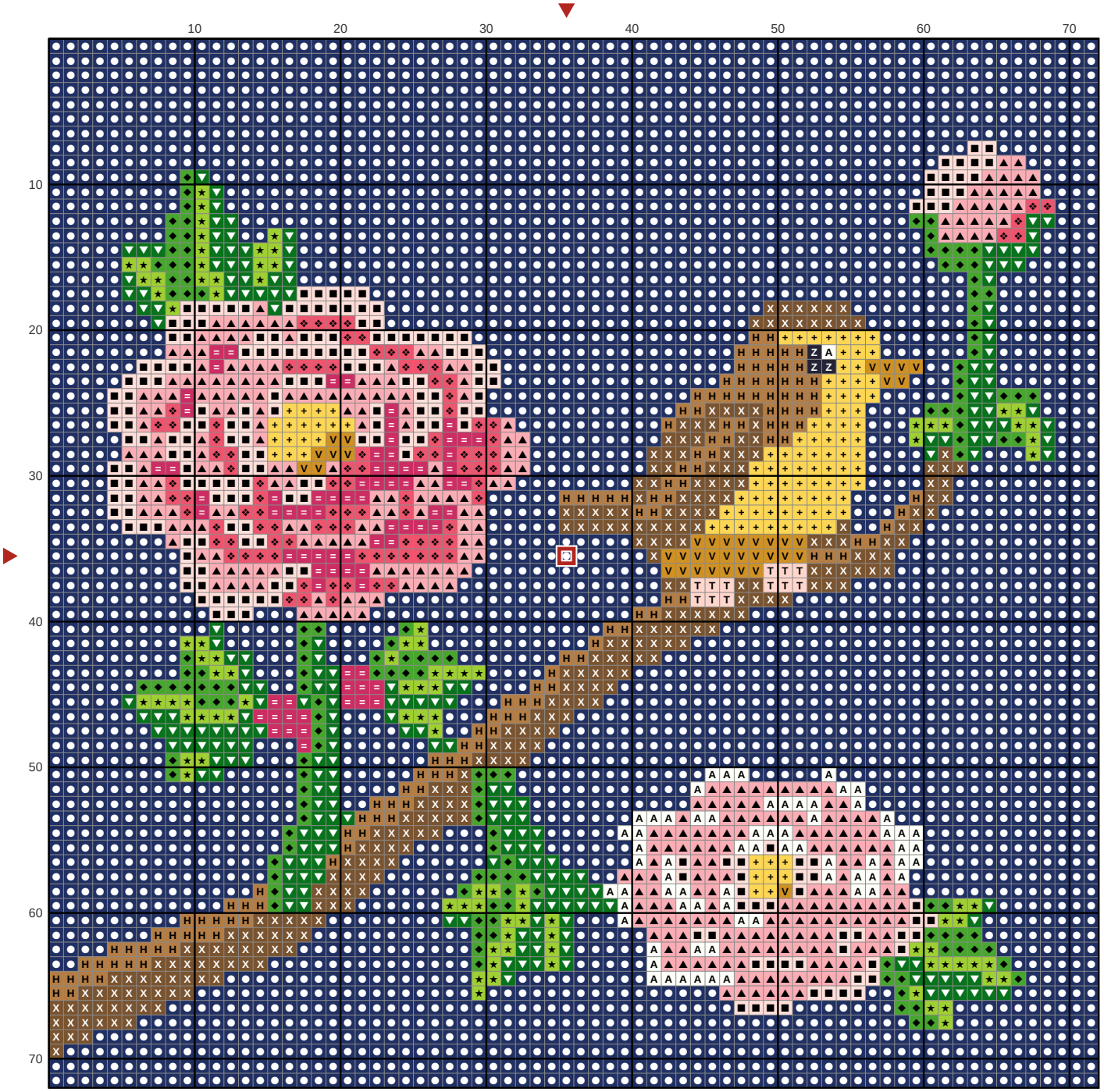
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Needlepoint pattern

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



Key

- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 3326** Light Rose
- **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- **DMC 700** Bright Green
- **DMC 818** Baby Pink
- **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- **DMC 335** Rose
- **DMC 600** Very Dark Cranberry
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 353** Peach
- **DMC 310** Black