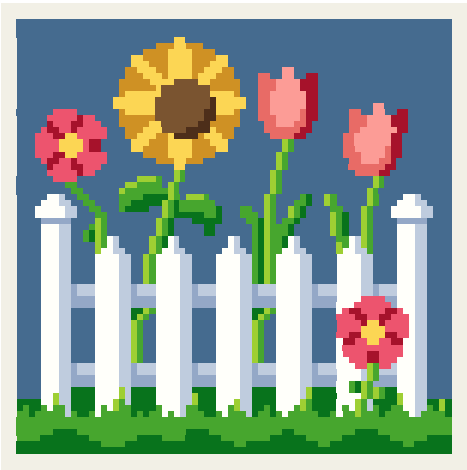
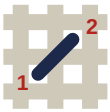
Classic picket fence

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 798): 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, 15 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
●	**798**	Dark Delft Blue	2,166	3
Z	**BLANC**	White	697	1
=	**702**	Kelly Green	498	1
A	**800**	Pale Delft Blue	445	1
V	**700**	Bright Green	365	1
■	**726**	Light Topaz	158	1
H	**335**	Rose	152	1
▲	**783**	Medium Topaz	130	1
+	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	127	1
T	**809**	Delft Blue	122	1
★	**498**	Dark Red	90	1
◆	**352**	Light Coral	84	1
▼	**351**	Coral	70	1
❖	**433**	Medium Brown	64	1
X	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	16	1

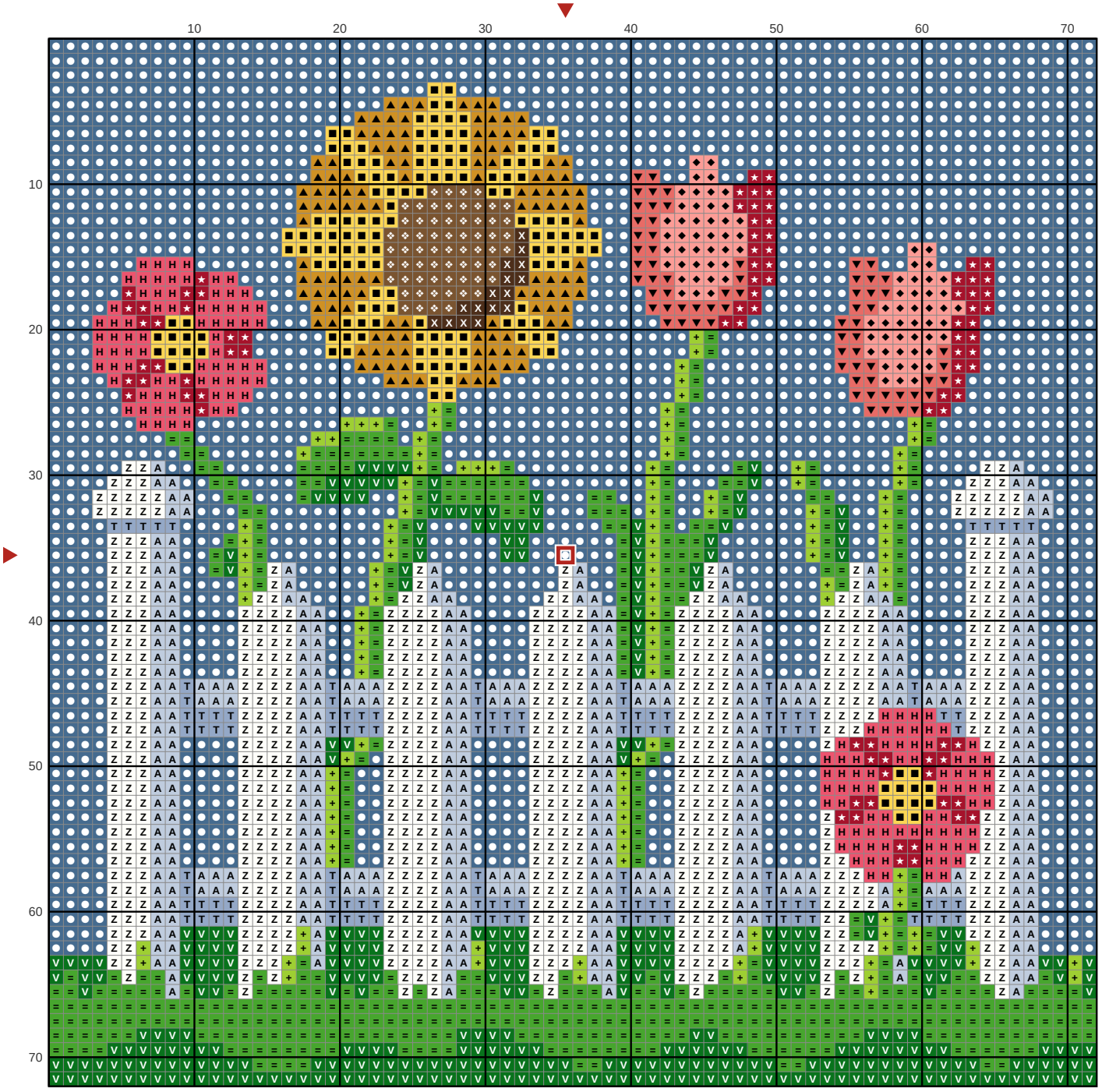
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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 726** Light Topaz	★	**DMC 498** Dark Red
Z	**DMC BLANC** White	H	**DMC 335** Rose	◆	**DMC 352** Light Coral
=	**DMC 702** Kelly Green	▲	**DMC 783** Medium Topaz	▼	**DMC 351** Coral
A	**DMC 800** Pale Delft Blue	+	**DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse	❖	**DMC 433** Medium Brown
V	**DMC 700** Bright Green	T	**DMC 809** Delft Blue	X	**DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown