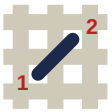
Classic puppy with a decoy

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 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, 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
●	**931**	Medium Antique Blue	2,188	3
▼	**728**	Topaz	688	1
X	**701**	Light Green	682	1
◆	**783**	Medium Topaz	412	1
▲	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	385	1
□	**433**	Medium Brown	223	1
H	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	144	1
Z	**415**	Pearl Gray	142	1
❖	**310**	Black	133	1
=	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	93	1
★	**BLANC**	White	30	1
T	**702**	Kelly Green	28	1
V	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	14	1
A	**797**	Royal Blue	12	1
+	**726**	Light Topaz	10	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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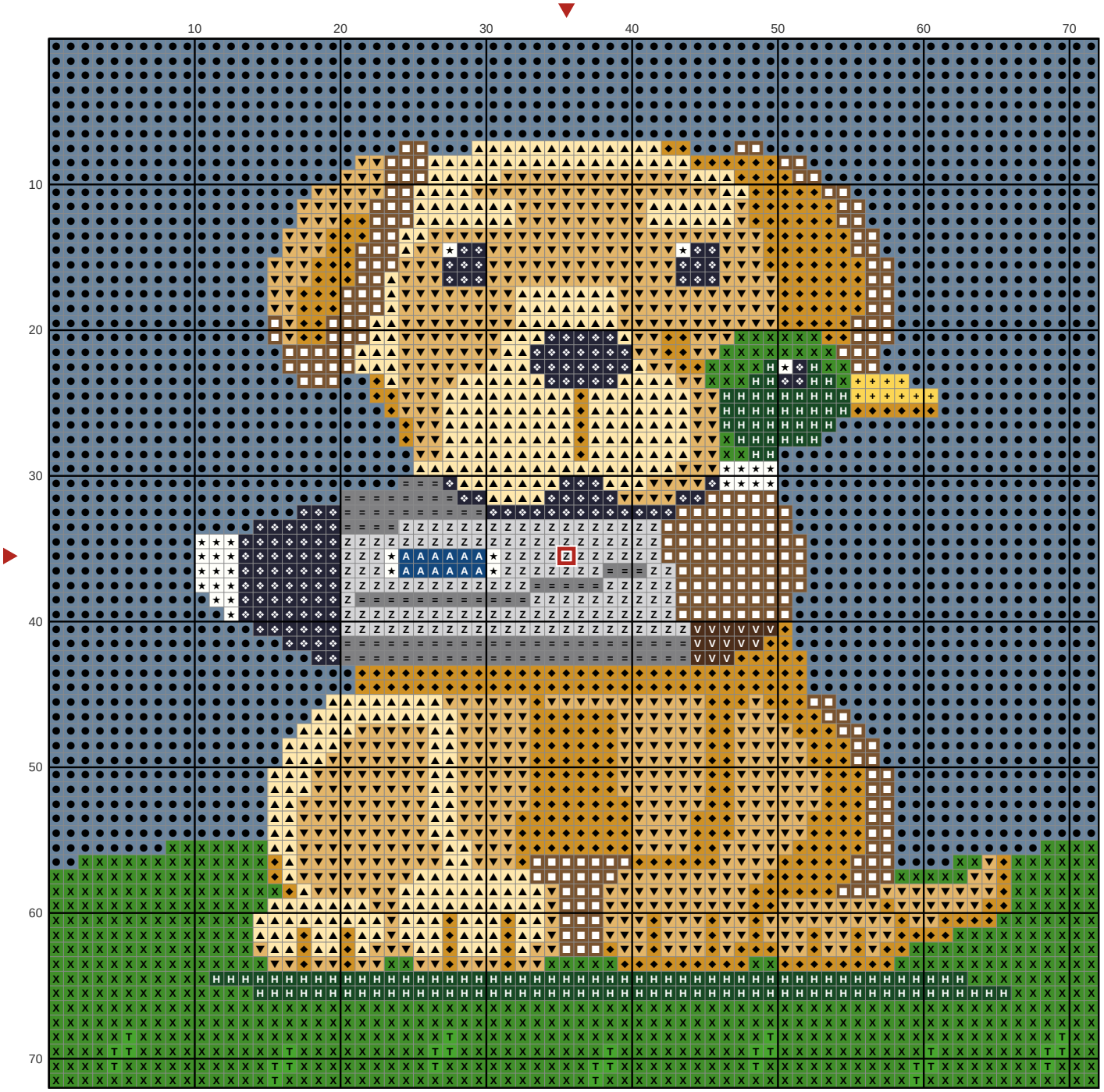
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 931** Medium Antique Blue
- ▼ **DMC 728** Topaz
- X **DMC 701** Light Green
- ◆ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ▲ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- ■ **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- H **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- Z **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- ❖ **DMC 310** Black
- = **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
- ★ **DMC BLANC** White
- T **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- V **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- A **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- \+ **DMC 726** Light Topaz