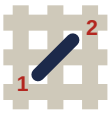
Classic rocket launch at dawn

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 352): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color. Empty squares stay bare.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 780: 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 14 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
○	**553**	Violet	817	1
■	**3733**	Dusty Rose	619	1
▲	**336**	Navy Blue	584	1
◆	**333**	Very Dark Blue Violet	459	1
▼	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	447	1
★	**352**	Light Coral	246	1
❖	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	207	1
X	**3825**	Pale Pumpkin	194	1
H	**BLANC**	White	131	1
+	**742**	Light Tangerine	129	1
=	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	108	1
Z	**159**	Light Gray Blue	58	1
A	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	37	1
V	**160**	Medium Gray Blue	24	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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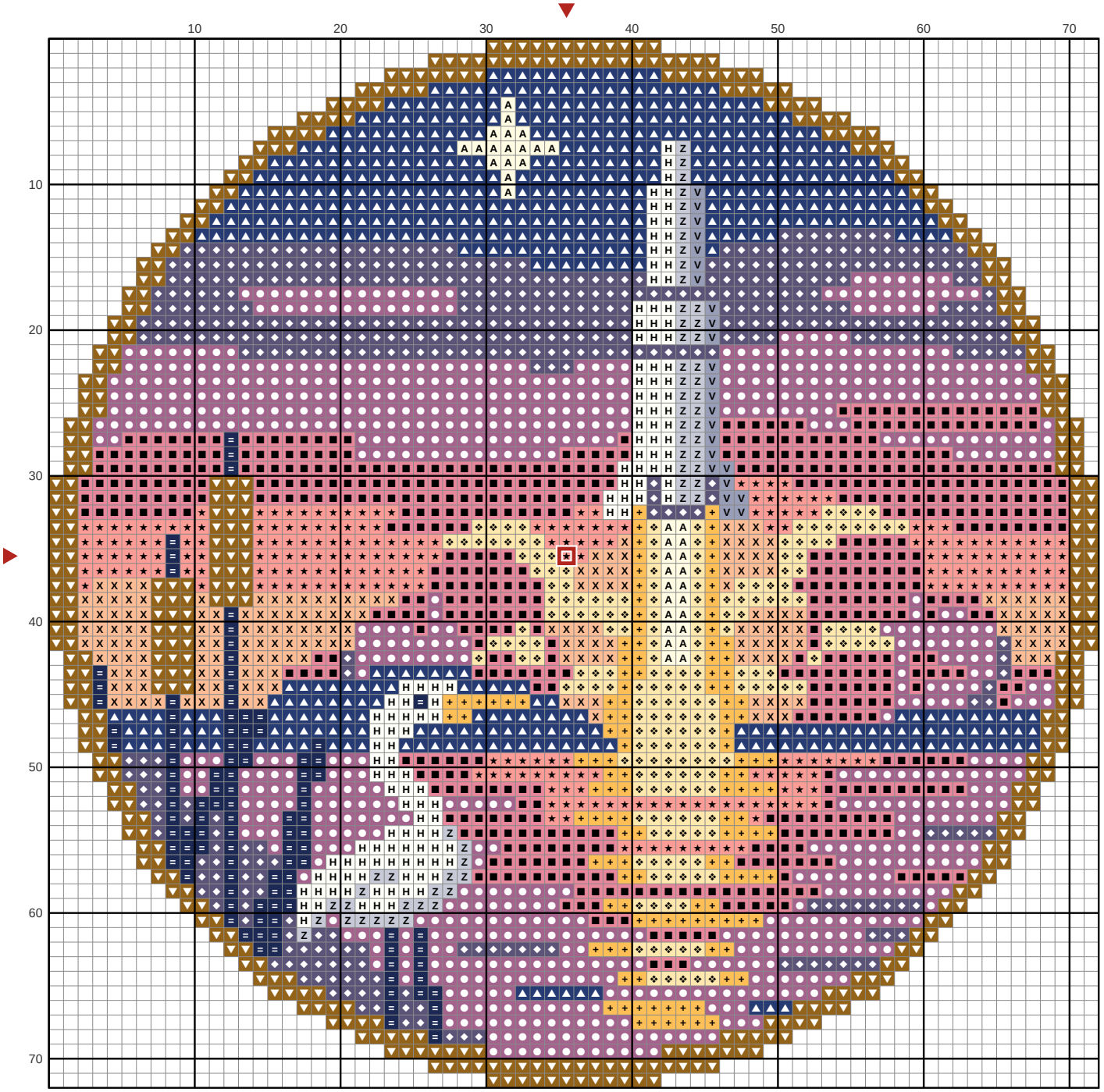
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 553** Violet
- **DMC 3733** Dusty Rose
- **DMC 336** Navy Blue
- **DMC 333** Very Dark Blue Violet
- **DMC 780** Ultra Very Dark Topaz
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 3825** Pale Pumpkin
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 742** Light Tangerine
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
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