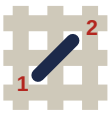
Classic rocking horse

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 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 890: 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, 11 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
●	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	4,225	4
★	**415**	Pearl Gray	308	1
■	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	192	1
▼	**666**	Bright Red	128	1
▲	**728**	Topaz	108	1
H	**351**	Coral	57	1
+	**498**	Dark Red	56	1
◆	**BLANC**	White	52	1
X	**310**	Black	26	1
❖	**782**	Dark Topaz	21	1
=	**783**	Medium Topaz	11	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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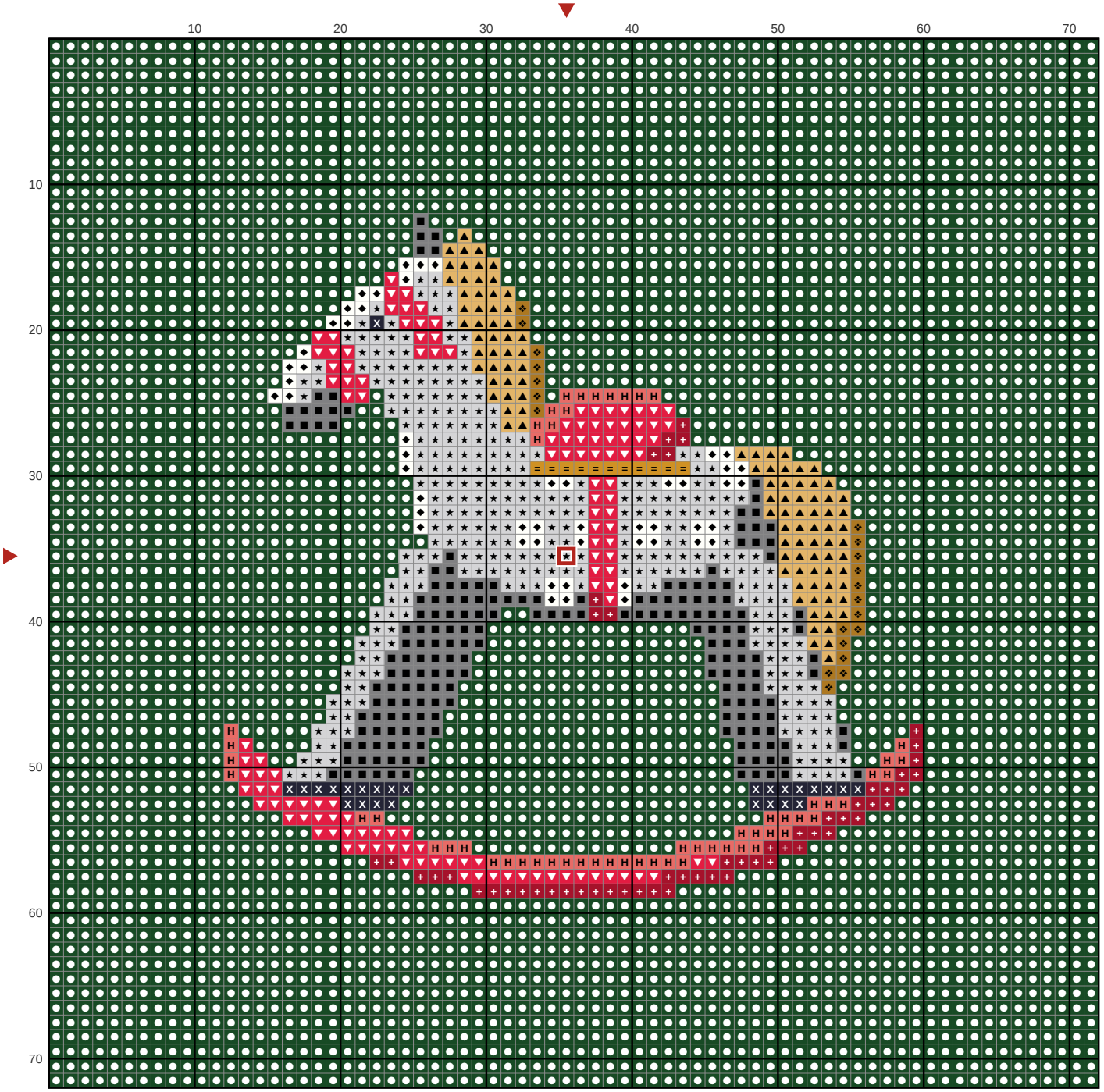
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
- **DMC 666** Bright Red
- **DMC 728** Topaz
- **DMC 351** Coral
- **DMC 498** Dark Red
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 310** Black
- **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz